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EDITORIAL

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CONVENTION TIME

We are probably a little early to remind members that Convention time is coming around again. It won't be until Easter 1962, but since it is—or at least it will be by Easter 1962—three years since your Federal Council met together to discuss and resolve your problems, it seemed high time to remind you all that it is now time for you to take action on your particular "gripe".

Your Federal Constitution, as it is written today, provides for a specified time in which agenda items can be submitted to the Federal Executive so that they can, in turn, be promulgated to the Divisions of the W.I.A. for submission to you, the member, to discuss and direct your Council in the manner you desire in relation to each agenda item. From now on to December is the time!

Yes siree! From now on to December is the time for you to submit to the Council of your Division any problem of a national nature which you would like to have discussed and resolved by your Federal Council. You—and you only—know what you would like to achieve in our world of Amateur Radio! You may have been "gripping" for the last many months that Amateurs should be able to do this, that or the other thing, but you can't get any sense out of anyone. OK! Now is really your time! You put pen to paper and place your problem before the Council of your Division. Your hard working Council will then give it the round of the Conference table, and if they think it a matter to table before the Federal Council (i.e. a matter deemed other than a local administrative problem), then they will "knock it into shape" as an agenda item and forward it to the

Federal Executive of your Institute for inclusion in the agenda of the 26th Federal Convention of the Wireless Institute of Australia to be held during the year of the British Empire Games in Perth 1962.

Sure! Whilst the majority of members have been voting against the holding of a Convention these past few years, your Federal Council has not stopped working for you and what you want. They have had you represented at the Geneva Conference of the International Telecommunications Union (1959) in defence of your frequencies; they have later still had you represented on the Postmaster-General's Frequency Allocations Review Committee; they have pursued a policy for the protection of your bands for you; they have been constantly reviewing and resolving your problems when they are known.

But as the science progresses and conditions change, more problems arise and you are the one to have intimate contact with some of these changes. Your answer is to have them presented before your Federal Council. The Federal Convention next year in Perth is an ideal time if you act NOW! What do you want from Amateur Radio that you haven't got now? Put it on paper to your Divisional Council and they will put it in due form before your Federal Council. Your Federal Council will decide the issue at the highest level. But it's up to you to put your problem before the Institute constitutionally if you want it heard. It's no good "gripping behind the curtain" if things aren't done the way you want them if you don't do things the right way yourself." Now's your real opportunity! Let your Council have it!

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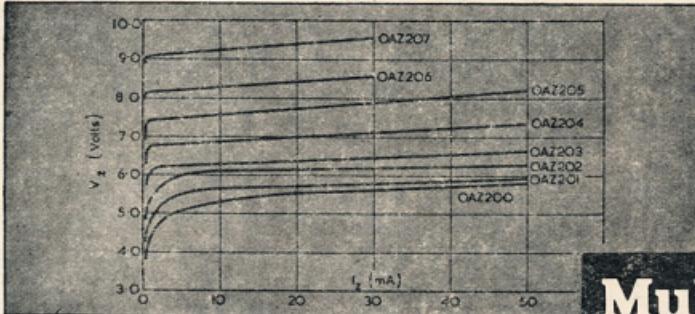


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OAZ204	6.8	6.4	7.2
OAZ205	7.5	7.1	7.9
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BENDIX FREQUENCY METER BC221 (SCR211 AUST.)

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THE desired frequency (when the frequency meter is used to calibrate a transmitter), or the observed frequency (when the frequency meter is used to measure an unknown frequency), may often fall between the value listed in the calibration book. To aid in the calibration of the proper dial setting or the frequency corresponding to these intermediate values, the following method (called "interpolation") should be used.

EXAMPLE A:

The observed dial setting is 2754.2. This setting lies between the two successive book values 2756.3 and 2752.7. The corresponding frequencies for these book values are 195.0 and 194.9 kc. (fundamental) respectively.

Problem: To find the unlisted frequency corresponding to a dial setting of 2754.2.

Solution: The facts are stated numerically in the following form:—

Dial settings—

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Diff. 3.6} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2756.3 \\ 2754.2 \\ 2752.7 \end{array} \right. \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Diff. 1.5} \\ \text{kc. change from lowest calibration frequency to F.} \end{array}$$

Corresponding Frequencies (kc.)—

$$\begin{array}{l} 195.0 \\ 194.9 \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{F} \\ \text{Diff. 0.1 kc.} \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

$F = \text{unknown frequency.}$

Therefore—

$$(i). 0.1 \text{ kc.} \div 3.6 \text{ div.} = 0.0277 \text{ kc. per dial division.}$$

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- (ii). $0.0277 \text{ kc.} \times 1.5 \text{ div.} = 0.0415 \text{ kc. change from lowest calibration frequency to F.}$
(iii). $194.9 \text{ kc.} + 0.0415 \text{ kc. change} = 194.9415 \text{ kc.} = F.$

In the above problem, a change of 3.6 dial divisions (from 2752.7 to 2756.3) causes a change of 0.1 kc. in frequency (from 194.9 to 195.0 kc.). This represents a change of 0.0277 kc. per dial division, (i.) above. Since there are only 1.5 dial divisions between 2752.7 and 2754.2, the difference in frequency between these settings will equal 0.0277 kc. $\times 1.5 \text{ div.}$, (ii.) above. This difference (0.0415 kc.) is then added to the lower known frequency (194.9 kc.) at the dial setting of 2752.7, (iii.) above, to give the unknown frequency, F.

EXAMPLE B:

It is desired to set the frequency meter to a frequency of 194.95 kc. This frequency lies between the two successive book values 195.0 and 194.9 kc.

Problem: To find the dial setting which corresponds to the frequency 194.95 kc.

Solution: The facts are stated numerically in the following form:—

Dial settings—

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Diff. 3.6} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2756.3 \\ D? \\ 2752.7 \end{array} \right. \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Diff. 0.05 kc.} \\ \text{kc. change from lowest calibration frequency to F.} \end{array}$$

Corresponding frequencies—

$$\begin{array}{l} 195.0 \\ 194.95 \\ 194.9 \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{F} \\ \text{Diff. 0.1 kc.} \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

$D = \text{unknown dial setting.}$

Therefore—

- (i). $3.6 \text{ div.} \div 0.1 \text{ kc.} = 36 \text{ dial divisions per kc.}$
(ii). $36 \text{ div.} \times 0.05 \text{ kc.} = 1.8 \text{ dial divisions—change from lowest dial reading to D.}$
(iii). $2752.7 + 1.8 = 2754.5$, the dial setting D for a frequency of 194.95 kc.

In the above problem, changing the dial setting from 2752.7 to 2756.3 (3.6 dial divisions) causes a change of 0.1 kc. in frequency (from 194.9 kc. to 195.0 kc.). This represents a change of 36 dial divisions per kc., (i.) above. An increase in frequency from 194.9 kc. to 194.95 kc. is a change of 0.05 kc. Since a change of 36 dial divisions causes a change of 0.1 kc. in the frequency, an increase of 0.05 kc. requires a change of 36 div. $\times 0.05$ equal 1.8 dial divisions, (ii.) above. This increase (1.8 div.) is then added to the dial reading (2752.7) corresponding to the lower known frequency (194.9 kc.) to obtain the dial setting D corresponding to a frequency of 194.95 kc., (iii.) above.

The methods shown are accurate for all frequency columns (including harmonics) in the calibration book.

[The reader is referred to Jan. '61 "A.R." for comments regarding accuracy.—Ed.]

Technical Correspondence

SCR211 FREQ. METERS

Editor "A.R.", Dear Sir,

A short note concerning the Editorial postscript to my article on Frequency Meters in the January issue.

So far as I can ascertain, the "official handbook" on SCR211 Meters is War Dept. Technical Manual 33 A1-5-19-1, formerly 40SCR211-5, or Army TM11-300. Anyway, these publications purport to describe SCR211 Frequency Meters models A, B, C, D, E, F, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, T, AA, AC, AE, AF, AG, AH, AJ, AK, AL and AN. It is clear from para 3 of this handbook that the likely error of such equipment is 0.34% at 4 Mc.

I am aware that there is a U.S. Navy document N.A.V.A.E.R. 08-5Q-38 and 45 which relates to the LM13 and 14 series frequency meters, and which ascribes magical accuracy to such equipment, as you say 0.01% at 2-20 Mc. and 0.02 on the low band.

It is obvious that the LM and SCR211 series equipments are very similar, particularly in the frequency determining circuitry and in the important

mechanical aspects. Such differences as occur are largely the result of adding modulation, and will not improve (or degrade) accuracy significantly.

The crystal reference in both equipment is virtually identical, having a temp. coefficient of about 1 cycle per degree, and supposedly being set during calibration to within 5 cycles of reference.

The dial mechanism and condenser are identical, BUT the Navy admit to the presence of up to 0.3 division backlash, whilst the Army and Air Force eliminate the effect of this by clockwise rotation to the final setting. Nevertheless, the Naval accuracy figure is better!

The point to stress is that Tech Orders are NOT always infallible, particularly if the statistical background is not known. For example, the U.S.A.F. appreciation of the effect of random inaccuracies in frequency may be more highly developed than that of the "fish-heads". As a result, they MAY publish error figures assessed at the 95% level, against a possible say 50% level for the Navy. This could account for a factor of about 3 between figures published for the SAME equipment!

Frankly, I don't know the basis of calculation for either of the above-

mentioned manuals, but I do know that on my experience, I am not prepared to accept that LM series equipment is significantly different to SCR211 in regard to accuracy, re-set or otherwise.

Whilst the editorial P.S. ascribes a good capability to all SCR211 types, quite clearly the fellow who makes them doesn't!

My plea is simply to ensure that we don't fall into the trap of thinking these portable freq. meters are secondary standards, whose accuracy is 25 c.p.s. or 0.01%. The fact is that the great majority of such boxes, particularly the models on the disposal market, just won't make it!

In such circumstances there is a need for official band edge marker transmissions, particularly as I.T.U. requires all sideband components to be within the allotted channel. To be safe on this, and to recognise frequency measuring errors, can well leave the end of each band unused for say 10 kc! Personally, I am not that timid, but there is little defence if a monitoring station measures, on secondary standard equipment, out-of-band transmissions!

C. G. Harvey.

A SIMPLE CHASSIS BENDING TOOL*

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METALWORK is a problem for many amateurs, particularly chassis making. The simple tool shown in the photograph is itself easy to make and provides a solution to most of the difficulties encountered in producing chassis of different sizes at home.

The tool consists of two bright drawn mild steel plates slotted where required and held together by three bolts with wing nuts for quick release. It can be made any size to suit the particular needs of the user. The example shown in the photograph is made of $\frac{1}{8}$ " steel plate and measures 10" long by 4" wide.

It is essential that the inside surfaces of the two plates should be perfectly flat, so one side of each should be turned in a lathe or ground. Suitable $\frac{1}{8}$ " plate, ideal for the purpose can be obtained machined flat on all sides but it is very expensive. Bright drawn mild steel or ordinary hot rolled blue scale steel is the easiest to procure and much cheaper but may need grinding on one side.

CONSTRUCTION

First set out and drill the three bolt holes (Fig. 1), which should be about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the front edge and $\frac{1}{4}$ " from one side to allow for bending chassis up to 2 in. deep. When the holes have been made, bolt both plates together and mark out slots to the width of the chassis to be made. The distance between the right-hand edge and a slot determines the width of the chassis, hence odd sizes cannot be made unless the jig is specially planned to take them.

Next cut the slots to a depth of $\frac{1}{4}$ " with a sharp hacksaw or machine, making them about 3/32" wide so that they easily take 16 gauge aluminium (the maximum which can be bent with the tool).

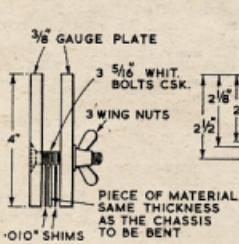
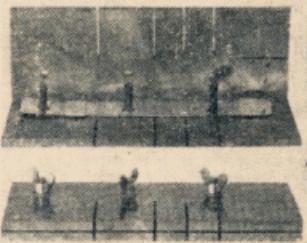


Fig. 1.—Layout of the chassis bending tool.

MAKING A CHASSIS

To bend a chassis, the following procedure should be adopted. Mark out the width and length of the chassis to be made plus twice its depth. Cut out the four corners and put the pieces aside for use later. Next, open up the jig by removing the wing nuts and sliding out the bolts. Put three of the

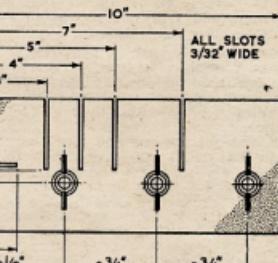
pieces of aluminium cut from the corners between the bolts, cutting them to size if necessary and keeping them behind the slots to allow the chassis material to slide in unhindered. On top of them, place another very thin piece of metal (such as tin) and bolt the plates together again. The slot between them will now be the thickness of the aluminium to be bent plus the "ten thou" clearance to allow the material to slide in.



Two views of the tool. Below, closed; above, opened to show the pieces of aluminium and tin placed between the plates.

The metal to be bent is then pushed between the faces of the tool up to the bend line for one of the longer sides. Then, keeping the aluminium flat on the bench, bend upwards with the jig until it is at right angles to the metal. The other long side should next be bent in a similar manner.

To make the last two bends (the short sides) the slots in the tool are used, the previously bent sides being in line



with one edge of the tool and an appropriate slot. If care is taken, a neatly bent chassis will result.

The same type of tool can be made from wood if desired, though it will obviously not last so long as the bending edges will wear more quickly. However, they could be planed down from time to time. It is advisable to use plywood, eleven ply $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick being suitable.

Modulator Design with OC26 Transistors

Publication Committee member, VK-3UJ, whose name appeared at the head of the reprint, "Modulator Design with OC26 Transistors," has pointed out that credit for the article should be given to the author, Mr. J. R. Goldthorp, of Mullard Australia Pty. Ltd., who published the original in Mullard "Outlook," Australian edition. Our apologies to Mr. Goldthorp for the error made.

The following corrections to the reprint in May "A.R." should be made: Column 2, line 9, "line 50" should be deleted; column 2 line 13, " $= 0.21V$ " should be inserted; page 7, column 1, lines 3 and 4, "frequency cut-off" does not accurately describe the symbol "fae" which appeared in the original article; page 7, column 1, line 9, " $12K\text{ ohm}$ " should read " $1.2K\text{ ohm}$ ".

Mr. Roudie has suggested that a 200 to 500 μF . condenser be added across the battery supply to the modulator to keep the power supply impedance low under varying conditions.

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VKEKR	45 248	VKEAR	12 182
VKSAB	21 221	VKSBD	3 176
VKA4J	19 236	VKSGB	50 171
VKS3W	14 211	VKS3B	26 204
VKS4ATN	23 195	VKS3E	10 163

C.W.

Call	Cer. Cnt. No. ries	Call	Cer. Cnt. No. ries
VK3JB	10 289	VKEHR	8 218
VKEHR	10 289	VKEAR	4 202
VKA4J	28 264	VKILZ	17 212
VKSNC	19 236	VKSUR	18 211
VKS3H	15 226	VKSYL	39 203
VKS3BZ	6 222	VKSXR	23 195

New Member:

VKS3AWP 69 133

Amendments:

VK4SD	52 173	VKSOW	58 146
VK3JKO	43 161	VKS3ARX	66 142

VK4RW

47 162

OPEN

Call	Cer. Cnt. No. ries	Call	Cer. Cnt. No. ries
VK2ACX	6 289	VKS3BZ	4 221
VKA4K	32 267	VKS3HG	3 225
VKS3W	8 265	VKS3WL	45 225
VKS3M	74 252	VKILZ	23 223
VKSNC	77 236	VKS3XU	61 221
VKA4R	7 233	VKS3GW	13 216

New Member:

VK2APK 62 125

Amendments:

VK4RW	52 208	VKS3HL	75 160
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3 Kc. CUT-OFF LOW-PASS FILTERS*

R. G. ROPER, VK5PU

THE purpose of this article is to present a few representative audio low-pass filter circuits; anyone desirous of designing their own filters to particular specifications is referred to the section on filters in the A.R.R.L. Handbook.

The restricting of transmitted information to a minimum bandwidth is becoming more and more of a necessity on today's crowded bands. By using a filter with a cut-off frequency of 3 Kc. very little voice individuality is lost, but the spectrum occupied by the transmission is reduced to about one-third that occupied by a rig with a "wide open" modulator. Audio filtering is also a "must" in s.s.b. phasing-type rigs. Audio phase-shift networks of the type normally used by Amateurs produce the desired output phase relationships only over a limited audio range. If the audio input to such phase-shift networks contains frequencies outside the 300 cycles to 3 Kc. limits, splatter and insufficient suppression of the unwanted sideband will result.

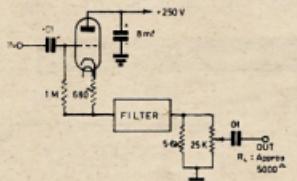


Fig. 1.—Suitable circuit for driving any of the filters mentioned.

Max. input equals 5 volts peak to peak.

If low-level clipping is used to increase the average audio content of a signal, a low-pass filter after the clipper is essential to attenuate the higher order harmonics generated in the clipping stage.

Attenuation of low frequencies is easily accomplished by the use of low values of coupling capacitors in the early audio stages, or by the use of a 150K load resistor for a crystal microphone (the latter being a dodge used by Phil Williams in his s.s.b. rig).

Sufficiently sharp top cut is not so easily achieved, however, and this has proved a bugbear in the past. Most Amateurs have access to an RC bridge which will enable them to select 2% capacitors, but to wind inductances to the required tolerance is impossible without suitable test gear, and a time consuming process even with such instruments available.

The production by two manufacturers of suitable ferroxcube pot cores has removed the guesswork from inductance winding for the Amateur, the only prerequisite for success being the ability to count turns.

Limited stocks are available of Multilard Ferroxcube Pot Cores type LA1,

price 14/6 including sales tax. These pot cores are machined to optical tolerances, each core having individually adjusted gap so that the turns per millihenry can be given to an accuracy of 1%.

The formula for calculation of the number of turns (n) required to produce an inductance of L millihenries on an LA1 pot core is

$$n = 52 \sqrt{L}$$



Fig. 2.—Low-pass filter, 3 Kc. cut-off, 30 db. per octave attenuation.

In the filter circuits following, certain enamelled wire gauges have been specified. Larger diameter wire, or silk or cotton covered wire of the specified gauge cannot be used, since the bobbins will not then take sufficient turns to produce the required inductance. Lighter gauges than specified may be used, but Q values will suffer because of the increased resistance of the windings. The available winding area is 0.05 sq. inch.

Because of the tolerances involved in grinding, the outsides of the cores are marked so that the ground faces can be matched when the cores are re-assembled.

Attention is drawn to the fact that all the filters described match to 5K loads. The required inductance values for constant K section filters are directly proportional to the load resistance; larger inductances mean more turns, and hence smaller wire with higher resistance for a given winding area. This results in lower overall Q. Distributed capacities also play a more important part at higher impedances.

Because of core saturation, these pot cores can only be used at low levels. As a filter is progressively overdriven, its cut-off frequency tends to rise, and the filter itself produces clipping and higher order harmonics. In the filters described, up to 30 volts peak to peak can be handled with negligible distortion. Note that the driving circuit shown is only capable of handling up to 5v. peak to peak.



Fig. 3.—Low-pass filter, 3 Kc. cut-off, m-derived end section. Rejection notch at 3750 cycles.

The all-enclosing nature of the pot core ensures that negligible external field is created by the inductances, and effectively shields against hum pick-up. They may be stacked or placed as layout decrees, without any regard to possible coupling. (Mounting of filters on plate transformers may be tempting fate a little too much. However, reasonable separation from power transform-

ers is a necessity for low level audio stages anyway; if hum does not affect the associated circuitry, it will not be picked up by the pot cores.)

A suitable circuit for driving any of the filters given is shown in Fig. 1.

The performance of the two filters (Figs. 2 and 3) is comparable, with Fig. 3 having a sharper cut-off. However, Fig. 3 filter is more prone to ringing if not preceded by sufficient bass attenuation.

Capacitance tolerances in Figs. 2 and 3 are $\pm 5\%$ of stated value (all values given are in microfarads). In Fig. 4 the tolerance is $\pm 2\%$. A Philosope will give the required 2% accuracy. At these impedances and frequencies, reputable brand paper capacitors are satisfactory; micas show greater stability with temperature and age.

Two "ultimate" low-pass filters (Fig. 4) have been built using a mixture of mica and paper capacitors paralleled up to give the right values, and these have been operating satisfactorily 24 hours a day for six months.



Fig. 4.—"Ultimate" low-pass filter, 3 Kc. cut-off. Rejection notch at 3750, 4300 cycles. Passband flat to 3 Kc., fall to -54 db. at 3.7 Kc., and attenuation remains greater than all at higher frequencies.

INDUCTANCE TABLE

This table is compiled for the use of LA1 type pot cores, using the formula $n = 52 \sqrt{L}$ mentioned earlier:-

Inductance	n	Nearest
Milli-henries	(No. of Enamel	
(Turns)	heenels	B. & S. S.W.G.
160	655	34
186	712	35
530	1196	38
		42

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VK3TL	14	1,650	30	12	13
VK4DD	14	24,444	113	32	52
VK5AB	14	24,691	126	26	46
VK6RU	A	61,525	206	40	67
VK7WA	A	3,619	42	21	26

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NATIONAL FIELD DAY CONTEST 1961 RESULTS

FORTUNE smiled on the National Field Day Contest this year in so far as the weather was concerned as it was much better than it was last year and in consequence portable operation was much more pleasant. It was pleasing to see the increase in the number of multiple operator stations working portable in the Contest. Some of these were very elaborate and must have required very careful planning to cover every eventuality in the field. These stations in general made high scores and judging from the logs, there was also associated a high measure of fun and experience.

The highest score in Section A (single operator, phone) was made by VK7TT with 467 points, followed by VK2AAH with 382 points. Section B (single operator, c.w.) was poorly contested and in this section top score was made by VK5XK with 433 points. The highest score in Section C (multiple operator, open) was made by the VK5LZ group with 1,550 points and closely followed by the VK3APC group with 1,510 points. VK3AKN gained highest score in Section D with 690 points from VK2YN who gained 475 points. D. Grantley gained the highest score in the receiving section with Miss Martin in second place.

A vast array of equipment was assembled in the field during the weekend with the multiple operator stations combining the resources of a number of operators. VK2ARZ and VK2ABB used a v.f.o. with a 1625 p.a. VK3APC left nothing to chance and had duplicate stations available for most bands—two home brew tx working on 3.5 and 14 Mc., three Type 3 Mk. II. Transceivers for 3.5 and 7 Mc., and another home-brew tx for 144 Mc. The receivers included a BC342, a Collins and an Eddystone. VK3ADW at Mt. Blackwood used a 122 as the basis of the station and worked on five bands with five aerials. VK3CS, with six operators, worked on five bands. VK3ASC, with five operators, used home built tx's on 7 and 50 Mc., a Panda Club on 3.5 and 14 Mc., and a BC625A on 144 Mc. Receivers included an HRO, AR8 and an A.W.A. Communications rx. Long wire aerials were used on 3.5 and 14 Mc., a Windom on 7 Mc., a Halo on 50 Mc. and a three element beam on 144 Mc.

VK4CS also used a Windom on 7 Mc. and a two element beam on 144 Mc. Receiver was a AR88D with a car radio and converter also. Three groups of operators worked at VK5LZ at Blackhill Hill. Group one worked on 7, 21 and 28 Mc., group two on 3.5 and 14 Mc., and group three on 50 and 288 Mc. Receivers included an Eddystone 750, CR100, a Super-regen. and a converter combination on 50 and 288 Mc. Aerials included dipoles on 3.5, 7 and 14 Mc. and Yagis on 50 and 288 Mc. VK6VP, with five operators, used a Collins and a Geloso tx. The receiver line-up included a Collins 75A1, a Collins 75A1, a HRO, and a BC348. All this was housed in a caravan and a tent. VK7KJ and two other operators used a 122 set and a BC342N receiver on 3.5, 7 and 14 Mc. bands.

In the single operator sections, the equipment used was much simpler. VK2AAH used a modified BC558A tx with an input of 22 watts from a transistorised DC/DC converter. Rx was a BC453 with a crystal locked converter. He used an 8 ft. centre loaded whip mounted on the car as aerial. VK3HE used a Type A Mk. III. Transceiver with 4-5 watt input to a 130 ft. antenna. VK4OL worked on 7 Mc. only with 3.5 watts input. VK5AQ used modified Command and No. 19 set on 3.5, 7 and 14 Mc. VK7TT used a No. 22 transceiver on 3.5 and 7 Mc. In the c.w. section, VK2ASZ went camping with a Type 3 Mk. II. set as transmitter and a BC342 rx. Both VK5XX and VK7LJ used Type 3 Mk. II. Transceivers.

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VK5LZ—Elizabeth Amateur Radio Club	1550 "
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VK7JB—J. Batchler	763 "

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3XN	166 "
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3ARL	144 "
3JO	134 "

Section B	
VK2ASZ	248 pts.
VK2AAH	47 "
VK5XK	433 pts.
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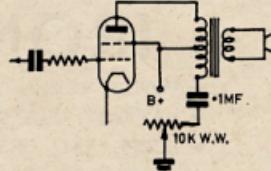
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ROSS HULL MEMORIAL V.H.F. CONTEST 1960-61 RESULTS

THE Federal Contest Committee has much pleasure in announcing the results of the last Ross Hull Memorial V.h.f. Contest which was held in December 1960 and January 1961. Although conditions on the lower frequencies were disappointing and there were fewer overseas contacts, there was increased support from VK Amateurs. No logs were received from New Zealand and the only overseas log came from JA1FAF for one contact only. As in other contests, it was noticed that many who took part in the contest failed to submit logs.

The poor support for Section A suggests that this section could possibly be combined with Section B and made an open section in which both phone and c.w. contacts with a given station on the band could be counted. VK4 stations favoured Section B, while strong support for Section C came from VK3.

Congratulations go to the Trophy Winner, VK5GG, who gained a total of 969 points, of which 905 were gained in Section B. This was the highest score in any one section of the contest. He was followed by VK3ARZ with 840 points, all gained in Section C. This was a particularly fine effort when it is remembered that most of his contacts were worth one point only. Two stations only entered for all three transmitting sections, and of these, VK3CS easily won the award from VK7LZ. Although the receiving section was relatively poorly supported, the logs submitted were of a high standard.

Special commendation also goes to VK3ARZ and VK5GG whose large logs were particularly well set out and very neatly compiled. These were in contrast to a few logs which were made difficult to check by the jumbling up of the sections and sequence numbers. One log, either by accident or misreading the rules, included many contacts twice. In regard to the scoring, the bonus of 20 points per new call area were not intended to be applied to Section C although the printing of the scoring table for Section C above that for Section B in "Amateur Radio" made it appear differently.

Highlights in the contest were the 576 Mc. contacts between VK2ZAH and VK2ZCF and between VK6ZAA and VK6ZDS. VK5GG made 32 contacts on 288 Mc. VK3ZER claimed a record for working VK5AW on 288 Mc. He also heard VK7LZ on the same band. Some contestants suggested a distance basis for scoring contacts on 144 Mc. and higher frequencies. While this might be a good way to score these contacts, it would be most difficult for the Committee to check. However, the Committee keenly appreciates the very helpful suggestions made by competitors and regrets its inability to reply to them individually.

Federal Contest Committee, W.I.A.

VK-ZL CONTEST

PHONE: 30th SEPT. and 1st OCT.
C.W.: 7th OCT. and 8th OCT.
1000 hrs. GMT to 1000 hrs. GMT

TROPHY WINNER

VK5GG—G. A. Gormly 969 pts.

AWARD WINNERS

Section A (C.w. Transmitting, 50-54
and 56-60 Mc. Bands)

VK3CS—I. MacMillan 53 pts.

VK4FJW—J. Purdon 25 "

VK5ZDI—B. J. Burns 122 "

VK7LZ—C. P. Wright 27 "

Section B (Phone Transmitting, 50-54
and 56-60 Mc. Bands)

VK2ZLP—D. L. Price 423 pts.

VK3ZEA—G. W. Small 518 "

VK4ZBZ—R. M. Feenaghy 678 "

VK5GG—G. A. Gormly 905 "

VK6ZCB/6—K. C. Bicknell 447 "

VK7LZ—C. P. Wright 199 "

VK3ZFP/8—K. M. Cocking 135 "

VK9XK—S. R. Coleston 234 "

JA1FAF—Seija Pueta 30 "

Section C (Phone Transmitting, 144 Mc.
and Higher Bands)

VK2ZCF—R. C. Norman 89 pts.

VK3ARZ—W. Roper 840 "

VK5AW—D. A. Carthew 334 "

VK6ZDS—K. R. Graham 19 "

VK7ZAS—G. C. D'Emden 60 "

Section D (Receiving, Open, all Bands
from 50 Mc. and Higher)

L2211—R. C. Abernethy 343 pts.

L3055—M. R. Cox 259 "

VK4-SWL—C. H. Thorpe 355 "

Highest Aggregate Score in Section A, B and C

VK3CS—I. MacMillan 525 pts.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Section A

VK3CS 53 pts. VK5ZDI 122 pts.
4PU 25 " 7LZ 27 "

Section B

VK2ZLP	423 pts.	VK4ZFA	138 pts.
2ABR	335 "	4ZEA	119 "
2ZGM	304 "	4ZDG	116 "
2ZCF	266 "	4ZRV	95 "
2ZDA	238 "	5GG	905 "
2ZFS	187 "	5ZFM	459 "
2ZDP	154 "	5ZBL	300 "
2ZDM	103 "	5ZCJ	173 "
3ZEA	518 "	5ZCQ	161 "
3ZKJ	310 "	5ZBI	101 "
3ZFM	277 "	7ZAAQ/5	76 "
3CS	239 "	6ZCB/6	447 "
3ZCG	171 "	6ZAA	355 "
3ZCZ	149 "	6ZCD	200 "
3NN	147 "	7LZ	199 "
3ZBL	145 "	7ZAC	177 "
3QV	129 "	7ZAQ	152 "
3OF	93 "	7ZAO	120 "
4ZBZ	678 "	7ZAX	111 "
4ZAZ	562 "	7ZAJ	104 "
4NG	419 "	3ZFP/8	135 "
4ER	215 "	9XK	234 "
4PU	213 "	JA1FAF	30 "
4RW	146 "		

Section C

VK2ZCF	89 pts.	3CS	233 "
2ZGM	28 "	3ZCZ	215 "
2ZDA	24 "	3ZEA	143 "
2ZDP	13 "	3ZBL	130 "
3ARZ	840 "	3QV	126 "
3ZER	294 "	3ABP	103 "
3ZCG	263 "	3ABK	84 "

Section C (Continued)

3AFW	80 "	5ZBL	21 "
3NN	75 "	5ZDI	18 "
3NB	53 "	5ZCJ	14 "
3ZGL	50 "	6ZDS	19 "
3ZDA	48 "	6ZAA	13 "
VK3ZFM	44 "	7ZAU	60 "
3ALJ	38 "	7LZ	51 "
3ZFC	34 "	7PF	47 "
3ZJM	33 "	7ZAO	10 "
5AW	334 "	5GG	64 "
5ZGB	30 "	7ZAQ	10 "

Section D

L2211—R. C. Abernethy	343 pts.
L3074/2—J. M. Hilliard	50 "
L3055—M. R. Cox	259 "
L3074—J. M. Hilliard	247 "
L3065—I. D. Thomas	148 "
VK4-SWL—C. H. Thorpe	355 "

FSK TRIAL PERIOD ON ALL AMATEUR BANDS

Permission has been granted by the Postmaster-General's Department for the Amateur Service in Australia to use Class F1 emission (Frequency Shift Keying) with a maximum frequency shift of 850 c.p.s. on all licensed Amateur bands for a trial period up to March 31, 1963, when the position will be reviewed in the light of conditions then obtaining.

The Department does not propose to notify individual Amateurs, so all readers are asked to pass this information on to those who may be interested in Class F1 transmission. This information will also be transmitted from W.I.A. stations for the information of all Australian Amateurs.

In connection with the use of Class F1 emission, Amateurs are reminded that they must abide by Paragraphs 134 and 136 of the Handbook for Operators of Amateur Wireless Stations relating to transmitting call signs of the calling and called stations which must be transmitted at least once in every five minutes and clearly indicate the nationality prefix letters—in the case of Australia, "VK".

When Regulations 135 and 136 are applied in the case of Class F1 emission it will be necessary that the call sign be transmitted by either hand speed Morse code (Class A1 emission) or radiotelephony signals.

It is not anticipated at this stage that many will have the necessary equipment for FSK transmissions although it is known that some Amateurs will be participating in FSK experimentation. Reports will be welcomed by the Federal Council of the W.I.A. concerning this mode of transmission and its effect (if any) on the normal use of the Amateur Service bands.

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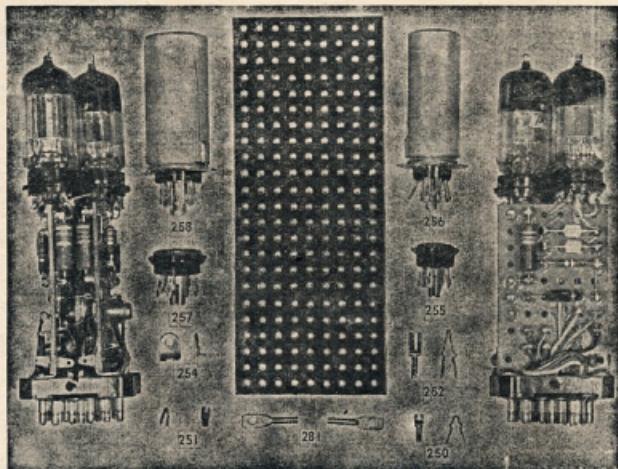
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A HAM'S POINT OF VIEW ON S.W.L'ING

"Dear s.w.l., your reports are valued and appreciated by most Hams who turn their beams DX-wise. Having been an s.w.l. myself, I appreciate your pleasure on receiving a QSL card and I will confirm every worthwhile report on my transmissions."

"An amateur is likely to know that they have been heard, but when an s.w.l. report is received, sadly lacking in detail, and only containing particulars that could easily have been taken from the station he was working—his wonders! So let's put him out of his misery, give him much detail as possible in particular topics of conversation that are not likely to be repeated by the station he is working."

"Wherever possible, address him with his name, 'VK3WC'. Dear Ewan, seems much more personal than 'the bunch' sign alone."

"Give thanks to the presentation of your report. A view-type card or characteristically depicting your country or area is sure to find favor and most likely to find its way to the Ham shack wall reserved for Amateurs interested in QSLs. This of course is not absolutely essential as several of my most prized reports are well-written, interesting and informative letters. Unlike shortwave broadcast listening, the Amateur is interested in two-way communication and most likely to have had direct reports from fellow Hams, in your country or area; so the most interesting and informative you make your reports, the better are your chances of getting a QSL in return. Comparisons with other stations in your area, those in adjoining call areas, band conditions at the time, stations whom you may have heard calling, the particular Amateur without making contact, are items of direct interest that are sure to please. Details of your equipment and antenna interests are also welcome."

"Don't forget yourself. Are you young? Middle-aged? Or elderly? Your hobbies, profession, ambitions—do you aspire to become an Amateur or prefer to remain an s.w.l.? These and many other personal items are of great interest to me and I would like to many other Amateurs. In short, fellows, give the Amateur some compelling reason to confirm your report, this gives you great scope for your ingenuity and surely the greatest pleasure in making contacts, receiving a QSL card from the hard-to-get Amateurs. I know that after doing all things possible so many let you down, so be it. We will never get perfection, but never let that deter you from striving to improve your averages. It is hoped many more QSLs will be the reward of your effort, patience and courtesy. Yours fraternally, Ewan VK3WC."

I thought it a good idea to let all VK s.w.l. see the above letter that is enclosed with a card to s.w.l. outside of VK land. Ewan has shown me some very bad QSL cards, that was fine, but it was what was on it that prompted him to write the above letter. In my book of rules they were absolutely worthless, so the good bloke that Ewan is, he wrote this letter and I am sure it is every report he receives that he thinks warrants one. I only hope that none of the VK s.w.l.'s get one. Thank you, Ewan, for letting me make this letter available to my fellow s.w.l.'s.

VICTORIA

On Friday, 28th April, 22 members of the Group rolled up for a very pleasant evening. It was quite a surprise and pleasing to see so many in attendance. We had quite a long meeting, everything was discussed to keep the boys interested. It had been suggested, and I agreed that the W.I.A. Divisional Secretaries from the VK listeners number and replaced with VK3-SWL-55 (that's my number). I require all Divisional Secretaries to put this to the vote at their monthly meeting and advise me of the result.

Very early a VK listeners contest will be run from this Division and it will interest all s.w.l. whether you listen to the Amateur bands or the s.w.l. b.c. bands. So please all VK s.w.l. enter this contest—see next month's "A.R."

I wonder if any Amateur would like to donate to the VK3 Group a receiver for use at the rooms, in 478 Victoria Parade? If used to show the up-and-coming Amateurs of tomorrow how to operate a receiver and also to give them some interest when at the meetings. Are there any offers?

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Since Al Rechner, VK5ZCR, went to Mt Gambier, he has gradually converted the local group to the V.H.F. band. Colins going to conduct a 2 m crystal converter out of the Feb. 1959 R.T.H. and use it ahead of a seven tube receiver. Gary has at last got his receiver going on 20 mxx and by his log book of stations logged, he is a very happy lad. Colins continues to work on good bands 10 m and 15 m until he builds the four-tube converter from R.T.H. It is hoped to start A.O.C.P. classes soon and their tutor will be SZCR. SWI has asked them for news to be used on the back page of a Sunday morning, so that the Adelaide lads can keep in touch with the Blue Lakes boys.

TASMANIA

At long last some news from the Apple Isle. I think you lads must hibernate for a while; although my XYL is always asking me to make apologies for not writing. They are accepted, Mike, if you haven't any news it's no use writing is it?

Quite a lot has happened since he last wrote. Mike is now on the air as VK7ZAT (another s.w.l. gone west). He reports good results on 6 mxx from his location of New Norfolk and longest distance so far is 27 miles over very rough terrain for most of the way. He is running 4w. to a 1623 (borrowed tx) and a 4 element beam to a three-tube converter. One of the calls he has received are OK but no one can hear him—perhaps they're not listening. Mike's power on 2 m is 2w. to a 10 element Yagi.

At their March meeting it was a special "do" to gain new members. They wrote to several of the schools and then arranged a display of receivers, converters, coils plus a Mike's 6 mxx gear. They worked TMV 10 miles away, using a 300 ohm ribbon folded dipole. The result of all that was that 12 became new members.

With the senior members of the VK7 Group would have had their meeting to discuss and decide on a programme for the next few months. Hope you have come up with something good, especially Mr. Beard, if he's capable—that's what he's said and I trust him. All I hope is that it's been by the T.A.D. All the very best to the Apple Isle boys and don't be so long in writing next time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you to the boys who have written to me this past month. You have come from Eric Treblecock, Don Grantley, David Jenkins, Peter Drew, Harry Major, Dick McNeill, John Walker, Howard Harvey, Fred Mackiewicz and Sven SM3-3104, of Sweden. Peter Drew is now WIA-L3055. He writes that he has just received his listeners card and since last letter, he has heard several new countries plus one more confirmed. At the moment his listening is limited because of school exams. But in the May holidays he's going to listen all day and every day.

Richard McNeill, of VK3 land, is a mate of mine that I have known for a long time. In his pit—hope you'll soon be out Dick. He wants to know what would be the best antenna that he could use and how would he rig it? As I answered, Dick, a whip is the best that I know of. Anyhow let me know what you eventually do, will you?

John Walker writes to Gerry Albeck for a s.w.l. number, but as yet no number. Come now, Gerry, if a member wants a number, let him have it as soon as you can.

Howard Harvey: congrats, on your passing your A.O.C.P. (another s.w.l. gone west). He's just completed re-building his shack; due to this he's not in the shack. Yet Howard, you can miss a lot of hibernation. Even if Howard is a Z call now, he's not going to give up listening.

Fred Mackiewicz is a new member of the VK3 Group and tells me he had a go at GOM 1000. He did quite well and received a card from IANX. Fred uses an Eddystone Skyraider and a Phillips 6m. His antennas are a long wire and a Windom. Later he intends to put up a fixed ZL beam. Harry Major—ah, he is now a most honourable gentleman. He is now a member of the VK3 Group. Harry told me he's had quite a lot of help since I wrote about him a couple of months ago. Don Grantley

was one, thanks Don. Harry is doing an f.b. job of helping young lads at the Collingwood Technical School. Harry built a s.w.l. tuner circuit up that Don sent him. He built it out of one of his little "bits" set. It's a regen detector with plug-in coils. Harry has modified the set slightly and with two audio stages it is super.

Don Grantley. He's doing well on the hearing aid. I heard that last night a W said that his hearing aid was a so and so, with 220 hrd., 100 con. and 54 hrd. in a.s.b. this year's a hrd. 111 countries in 34 zones and 20 on s.s.b.

Milton Richardson, ex Albury s.w.l. and place-getter in the last R.T.D. is now in Melbourne with the P.M.G. Hope you can get along and see us Milton at the meetings.

At Don's QTH his antenna is now up to 40 ft. but is still using the low wire, pending completion of his feeders for the end-fed Zepp. The tube line-up in his AR7 and Marconi (type unknown) is again altered with good results. He uses the Marconi to search for them and then to the AR7 for selected listening.

Eric Treblecock. I always like reading his letters, there is so much in them. He writes not only on DXing QSL, but where and what he does. Eric is a great sportsman, especially football, and he is one-eyed too. I am glad we barrack for the same team. Eric is now doing grand job as inwards QSL manager for VK3.

He had cards this year from 75 countries, 30 zones. That indicates that he's more than up to his normal received QSLs for this time of the year. Eric says the better results rather than the quantity of the QSLs reflected in those figures. He always thinks that the number of cards does not really matter at all. It is the countries and zones of origin that count most. So in his old age, he seems to be doing things a bit different and so achieving better quality results. This year to mid April, Eric has forwarded 348 reports and cards, a little less than average, but still a pretty high figure. Eric's DXing is reported on the DX page.

I am sorry I can't report on anybody else as space is running out. Please bear with me, I'll fit all your interesting news in somehow soon.

Now to the ladder, and I believe this is becoming very popular. I've moved down once again, but just wait—I've sent out 35 reports so far this year.

DX LADDER

	Con-	Zon.
	Final	Hrd. Conf. Cards
L3042	Eric Treblecock	268 277 40 6853
VK4	C. Thorpe	85 137 34 20
L2022	D. Grantley	74 221 35 425
L3044	G. Richardson	57 182 24 150
VK4	A. Westcott	57 182 24 150
L3055	M. Cox	30 198 19 86
L3065	I. Thomas	16 130 13 33
L3072	T. Heywood	15 90 11 20
L2211	C. Abernethy	16 51 15 55
L3074	J. C. Hutchinson	7 5 5 5
L3088	D. Grantley	4 153 11 19
L6021		11 155 11 19

That's it lads till next month. 73, best DX, Maurice, L3055.

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T.V. OPERATOR'S CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

Alteration of Date of Examination

The Australian Broadcasting Control Board have announced that commencing in June, 1961, the examination for the Television Operator's Certificate of Proficiency will be conducted on the first Tuesday in June and December each year instead of the second Tuesday, as formerly.

The closing date for applications will be the eighth day of the month preceding that in which the examination is to be held.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST

12th and 13th AUGUST, 1961

1800 hours to 1759 hours E.A.S.T.

VHF

David Tanner, VK3AAU
17 Wolsley Street,
Mont Albert, Vic.

Firstly, would scribes and others please note the above address and endeavour to let me have your notes on the Friday before the 8th of the month.

V.H.F. bands in general seem to have slid into obscurity with recent while some people are studying and the more fortunate ones of us build gear. DX has been almost nonexistent on 6 mpx except for isolated JAs, so it looks as though we will have to wait for the next sunset cycle for the last elusive JA districts etc.

Sörper from ZL is not encouraging, although I don't think we need to worry about similar happenings here. The following is a quote from "Break In." On Jan. 13 this year, the New Zealand Post Office in Auckland advised that because of widespread complaints from the public, the New Zealand Radio Regulations had been invoked in so far as operations on 51-53 Mc. were concerned and no operation was to be permitted in the Auckland area while a tv. programme was being broadcast on Channel 2 (54 Mc.). The Department officers regretted that this decision had been forced on them in the public interest." The low power (500 watts) and poor location of the transmitter of the present Auckland service appears to be responsible. We in VK hope that the situation improves.

Reports from most States seem to indicate that two metres is reviving after a couple of years in the doldrums, so we hope that the year's Rottnest Cup takes place in the near future of this. We still in the dark about the results of the last contest, it would appear that we have been forgotten again. (Results appear elsewhere.)

Moves are afoot again to influence F.E. on the desirability of a c.w. permit for Z calls so if you have any ideas, please send them along through the official channels so that a case may be prepared for F.E. to send to the Department.—JAAU.

NEW SOUTH WALES

General—Main news this month is the results of the Autumn Field Day on 144 Mc. A dozen or so city stations were portable, mostly in the mountains, with DICK 2ZCF on Mt. Canobolas near Orange. Many country stations were also portable and the longest distance was in the west and south-west. 2ZCF made the longest distance contact with 2ZCI at Yanco, a distance of 175 miles. Country stations worked included 2ZWH, 2ZGM, JAJO, 2ZBP and 2ZKZ. Conditions generally were very poor, but despite the cold and wind, the day was very successful.

The V.H.F. Committee for the next 12 months was elected at the April meeting; an all Z call group headed by Barry 2ZAC as Chairman, with Tim 2ZTM, Barry 2ZAH and Alan 2ZAWH committee members. The lecture was by Bob 2OA on "V.H.F. Test Equipment," which, judging from the questions asked by the large audience, Bob dealt with r.f. output meters, "our lovely" s.w.r. bridges, g.d.o.'s and wave meters with transistor amplifiers, plus many useful kinks. The Fox Hunt on Wednesday night, 26th with 2ZBP as the fox, was won by Lake Paranoa, who won \$25. Paul 2ZJZ, second Dave 2AZW, third Tim 2ZTM, who covered the shortest distance. A dozen cars took part.

50 Mc.—Very little activity, only reported was by Keith 2ZV1, who worked JA0 and JA1 in April. April 10th also with reports on ex-2ZGW, now 9N9W in Port Moresby, who has worked 163 JAs this season.

144 Mc.—Sunday, April 9, Jim 2ZBP, at Ilabo, was hearing John 2ANF at Lane Cove from 1330 to 1400 hrs, on and off. He contacted John by long-distance, although he could identify the other call sign, they were unable to establish two-way communication. Winners of the "Long Distance Trophy" for the year were Lance 2ZPK/1 and Keith 2ZV1/M from Maitland and Glib.

5M6 Mc.—There are signs of renewed activity now that the 6 mpx DX season has passed. Stations active in this band include 2ZAH, 2HL, 2HO, 2QW, 2ZCF, 2ZAC with 2AWZ a

newcomer to u.h.f. Current activity is all crystal controlled, no mod-osc's, by request. Typical gear for tx's is as follows: 2ZAH starts at 8 Mc., triode 6US to 24 Mc. pentode section using 6L6GC, 6E25/6A7, 6Z5P/6A7, 6Z5P/6A7 and QGE6/40 tripler to 576 with half wave lines in the final tank. 2ZCF has much the same multiplier chain with a QGE6/12 buffer and QGE6/20 tripler final running 20W. Input to a 1/2 element dipole array. His rx is a search rx with a 6CW4 Nuistor as a ground-grid pre-amplifier.

144 Mc.—Several stations are building gear. 2ZAG has a mod-osc, using a 703A producing a watt or so of r.f., as yet the rx is not complete. 2ZAC is building a final using a 6C39. 2ZAH is working on a grid and 2ZAM is a 144 working. Perhaps articles in recent issues of "QST" will promote more local interest.—2ZDP.

VICTORIA

The most important meeting of the V.H.F. Group was held on Wed., Apr. 19, to consider ways and means of raising money to help V.H.F. operators in their activities of the Group. The attendance was very good, almost 40 members and included Barry 2ZAG, Chairman of the VK3 V.H.F. Group.

BILL 3KARZ spoke to the proposed plans which included the following items: A publicity officer who would be an active Amateur, preferably a full call, to gather and make known through the 3WI broadcast news of interest to the members. This would be done by reviewing the rules of the field days, fun hunts, scrambles and activity nights. Also making the meetings more entertaining, both technically and socially, the latter by having supper at the conclusion of meetings.

ATTENTION ALL V.H.F. OPERATORS

FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL V.H.F. ENTHUSIASTS

If you have any v.h.f. news re portable gear, field days, forthcoming schedules, records, attempts, new gear being tried, new bands you are trying, any form of assistance you may require with regards to 6, 2, 1, 5/4 mpx or above, your man is BILL 3KARZ, publicity officer for VK3 V.H.F. Group. He will be available to hear your news, etc., on 40 mpx on Sat. afternoons at 1500 hrs. E.A.S.T. around 7100 Kc. For 2 mpx ops. Bill will be on 144.5 Mc. each Sunday morning 0915 hrs. E.A.S.T. to receive any news from the Melbourne stations.

All this news will be used in the v.h.f. segment of the Sunday morning broadcast through VK3WI at 1030 hrs. If you want publicity for your efforts contact Bill 3KARZ through his QTH, Lot 50, Orchard Street, Mt. Waverley; phone 23-9292, and you will receive all the publicity you can hope for. This also applies to other Divisions who wish to use the service—all v.h.f. men alike.

Barry gave a brief talk on the VK3 Group's function and its activities which appeared to be along similar lines planned here. Bill's plan was put to the meeting and was adopted generally. Bill himself was elected to the position of publicity officer. A management committee was formed to give him the support of the plan and the following constitute that committee: Chairman 3ZGP, Vice-Chairman Kel 3ZFQ, Secretary John 3ZCO, Bill 3ZARZ, Ted 3ZKP, Howard 3ZVY, John 3ZCB, Det 3JA, Michael 3ZCZ, Ted 3AD, Alyn 3ZGA and Alan 3ZD.

Thanks for your attendance chaps, we look forward to your enthusiastic participation in all our coming events.

The following revised rules for scrambles have been produced tentatively. 2 mpx second Sunday of each month: 6 mpx fourth Sunday, November 1945-2015. The scramble will cover a period of 6 months and the individual monthly scores will be totalled. The highest will be the winner. The winner of each section will be awarded a trophy and the runner-up will receive a certificate worth \$10. The trophy will be open to 2 mpx city (within 30 miles of G.P.O.), and country. More information will be given by Bill 3ARZ over the 3WI broadcast, so watch for the new scramble series in June. Remember too, that only financial members of the Institute are eligible to receive the trophies.

The June meeting will deal with the re-vamping of the SCR322 for use on the Am-

ateur bands, so come along and find out all about it from those who know all about it. Remember, June 21 at 8 p.m. at the rooms, 478 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.

30 Mc.—In the stratosphere and the ionosphere, the band has been particularly dead apart from local activity. A few new stations have appeared and some old ones have returned including Bruce 3JV7 at Croydon. Glen 3ZBJ has been heard on 30 Mc. at Kincardin and has worked quite a few Melbourne stations. Col 3OF5 hopes to be active from there soon. Col 3OF5 hopes to be active from there soon.

The 6 m scrabbles were held on Sunday, 23rd April, resulted in a win for Kevin 3ZKJ, who worked 15 of the 32 stations participating.

144 Mc.—David 3AW is active on this band and has worked into Maldon quite often during the month. 3ZER has nightly skeds with SAW which are being kept with monotonous regularity. SAW's signal is generally audible at 143.5 QTH. David's is working Ron. Ron 3ZLP has d.s.b. on QGE6/12 linear using an 807 clamp tube. Col 3ZED hopes to be on s.s.b. shortly, so better brush up on receiving techniques. Ron has t.v.i. with a.m., but none with d.s.b., so some experimenting may be try.

Col 3FO, Maldon, is active on 2 and looks for Melbourne contacts most nights of the week. Col is on 144.62 and also reports that 3ZLJ on 144.12 is also active in Maldon.

New stations: 3VQH, to indoor dipole, and 3ZLO at Clayton on 144.9 using 6146 final and t.v. antenna temporarily while building a 10 el. Yagi. Ron 3ZLP on 144.28 at Wellington on the Bellarine Peninsula, running 10W, to a 32. 3ZLW, Ballarat, Bay 3ZLW, Ballarat, has also been heard back on the band. Don 3AKN at Broadwater, near Port Fairy, is running 20W, to a 32 and 7 el. Yagi will also be on 6 mpx shortly. Brian 3XN (ex-3ZCQ) and Tom 3WV, both through 3ZLJ, are on the same district will soon be on 2 mpx. Other starters are GHI 3VC at Ringwood, Alan 3AZD, at Lilydale and Alan 3ADN at Newport should be on soon. 3ARC, Laverton Amateur Radio Club, through 3ZGA, will be active on Friday evenings.

288 Mc.—Dick 3ABK at Geelong is active on this band and would like to hear from other 1 m men, particularly from Interstate ops. interested in making skeds. Dick can be found on 40 mpx and Sat. at 1500 hrs. Alan 3AH has s.s.b. on the mx band and has a 6AMS grounded grid output and has worked a 6AMS crossband, 6 to 1 mpx. 3ZDU at Reservoir is now on 1 m px.

50 Mc.—David 3AW hopes to have high powered gear going on this band by Nov. or Nov. so there's the incentive to get some crystal controlled gear on this band by next season.—3ZCP.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

50 Mc.—VK1 is still in the doldrums as far as Adelaide is concerned. On 4th and 5th April JAs were in at Penola in the south-east of South Australia, but were not heard in Adelaide. SAW reports JAs on the 4th between 1230 and 1300 hrs. local time, and on the 5th between 1200 and 1300 hrs. He worked 10 JAs and 1 JA. The 5th was a JA break-through and although we still miss out on the excellent JA break-throughs we had this time last year.

On the local scene we have a new station on 50 Mc., to wit, Noel 5ZAS. Welcome to the band Noel. With winter upon us, we find that the 50 Mc. band is the best for the v.h.f. bands and SAW, 3ZCR and 3ZFW have been indulging in complicated three-ways on 6 and 2 m px.

John 5ZC, of course, but as yet he has not been working on 6. 3ZPA made a trip to Mt. Lofty on 24th March and came home with apparently negative results. A new car has been acquired by Doug 5SKK and mobile receiving equipment for 6 mpx is already functioning, with success on the 24th. The 50 Mc. band should be Doug's 3ZAX is still to be heard portable near Maitland, and claims it to be a fine DX location. Bill is only running 8W. to a 2Z2S and a 3 el. beam. It can be worked practically anytime at Rn and 6E-6.

Gerry 3ZFM is now eagerly awaiting the results of the latest c.w. exams, and should know the worst by the time these notes are read. Graham 3ZAP is sitting for the next one, so we hope that these two gentlemen will be able to sit with us on 8. Incidentally, Graham was the last 6 m fox with Gerry as 2 m fox. The locations seemed a little more difficult than usual, as only 3ZDG, SMT and your scribbler could find them at all. We would

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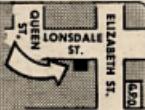
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NETTING

We all know how important it is to net accurately. It seems that when even two stations get together it is expected of them to be on the same frequency. When a third station joins in, it is imperative that the same frequency be employed.

To accurately net, it is not sufficient to "jiggle" to or from frequency. A small amount of carrier reversion is necessary for obtaining zero-beat. Once netted to a given frequency your tx must stay there. Drift in v.f.o. cannot be tolerated and some v.f.o.'s do still drift. Have you checked yours recently?

THE V.F.O. AT 1430

The usual phasing s.s.b. tx uses sideband generation at 8 megs and mixes with a 5 meg. v.f.o. to produce 3.5 and 14 meg signals. With care, one can use the same v.f.o. converted to 2 megs to produce v.f.o. signals. Inclusion of 21 and 23 meg bands requires two conversion stages for convenient and stable operation. One should not be content with multiplying v.f.o. frequency drift.

A 5-meg. Command tx was modified into tubeless v.f.o. Clapp circuit, quite standard with a 6AG7 buffer. The oscillator circuit is on the exciter chassis. The modulated circuit is on the coil of the Command tx at the end of 4 ft. of double co-ax (or two pieces of single co-ax). Valve bases as plugs are satisfactory here, as the impedance is quite low. The warm-up drift is about 1.5 megs. The final output measures at 5.3 megs. From 1 to 10 minutes after switching on it is 125 cycles, and from 10 to 40 minutes was 135 cycles in the reverse direction. As a 2 meg. v.f.o., measured at 1.85 megs, it was 75 cycles in minutes and 50 cycles in the following hour, indicating improvement in progress. There is room for improvement at a later stage. The figure given for the KWM2 is 100 cycles after warm-up. No figures are given for warm-up drift, nor is length of warm-up stated.

The final powers 5-6 megs. approx. and the bandwidth can be varied by juggling with C8. Temperature compensation is not used as the coil is only affected by room temperature and long-term stability is not a requirement.

The inductance used is the roller-inductor behind the front panel. This is remounted, less roller, between the 1625 sockets so as to have a good clearance from the surrounding metal. The number of coils is changed to 80 degrees. Switching in of extra condensers is arranged by inserting an ornate oval valve base in a socket on the front panel, thus converting the tuning circuit to 1.85-2 megs. to cover the 7 meg. band. Precautions to prevent radiation of spurious signals on this band will be mentioned later when discussing the mixer.

Now a few notes about condensers:

C1—100 pF. ^{silvered mica} (middle var. underneath).	C2—100 pF. variable (back cond. underneath).
C3—275 pF. silvered mica.	C4—100 pF. variable (front cond. underneath).
C5—150 pF. silvered mica.	C6—100 pF. ^{silvered mica} for preference.
C7—0.005 pF. ^{silvered mica} .	C8—0.005 pF. ^{silvered mica} .
C9—0.005 pF. ^{silvered mica} .	C10—Five-plate trimmer with shaft fitted.

As a 2 meg. v.f.o. the machine is very satisfactory. On 5 megs. the mechanical stability is not perfect, but it is on a shelf by itself. All the time. The frequency may not remain 2 cycles by the five-plate trimmer. This is a very important item, this vernier control. Of course it has a greater "tuning-range" of 5 megs than on 2 megs. The electronic stability on both bands is really good. Regulation of the voltage is essential and one should be certain one has a good VR105/30. There are some faulty or inferior ones about. The voltage should stay within 1 per cent. of its operating value.

No cathode-follower or isolating stage is required. Changes in the plate circuit have very little effect on frequency. A poor 6AG7 may give poor stability. The voltage across the load will be of the order of 30 volts. If oscillation cannot be maintained over the band

required, C6 and C7 will have to be decreased in size. If squeezing occurs, these condensers should be increased. One should check the values of all the condensers before putting them in place. Variations from labelled values can produce unexpected results. Wagging the double co-ax line will affect the frequency slightly, but one does not do this while in QSO.

Next month the latest evolution of the mixer stage will be described (together with the circuit diagram of the v.f.o.—Ed.).

BOOK REVIEW

Collins Radio Company, world renowned for their commercial and amateur single sideband equipment, have published a book, "Fundamentals of Single Sideband."

This is a book for the serious minded Amateur who wishes to delve into the finer points of s.s.b. communication. The author gives a comprehensive coverage of all the aspects of this subject dealing with sideband generation and amplification, reception and antennas and radio wave propagation. The chapters on Stabilized Master Oscillators and Frequency Standards are particularly interesting.

While containing a certain amount of mathematics, the text is very readable and is designed for the Amateur as well as the professional man. Owners of Collins TSS1, 32S1, KWM1 and KWM2 equipment cannot afford to be without this book. It would be well worth the price to have in your library—well printed on excellent paper with a vast number of illustrations, circuits and diagrams.

Our copy from Collins Radio Company, Melbourne office. The Australian price is 50/-.

PERSONAL

I had the honour to be the first station contacted by Dudley VK2IDQ, of Broken Hill, on 80 mx after an absence of some 28 weeks. Dudley last used the 80 mx band in 1933 when he was a member of the R.A.F. Wireless Research Unit. He was using a 6A6 in a gated screen amplifier and his 20 mx dipole. However, a GSRV antenna should be in use by now.

Another pre-war Amateur to use sideband in the 80 mx band is VK2ZL of Ballarat. Bill is using d.s.b. and putting out an excellent signal. He has a 6A6 in a gated triode approach that he is using in producing the signal at a low level with a twin triode balanced modulator. The line-up is a GACY v.t., 6AG7 buffer, 12BH7 balanced modulator and an 807 Class B linear final. A 6AK5 and an 807 linear section complete the circuit.

West Australian 6AO, of Perth suburb of Como, has recently completed a phasing tx which contains a home-brew audio phasing network. A 1625 tube in a ZL linear amplifier circuit puts a good signal into the Eastern States on 80 mx.

A high frequency crystal filter on 5170 kc. is in operation in the tx of VK2ZU, at Yarravonga in Northern Victoria. A band width of some 2.3 kc. is obtained by Frank who has been patiently working on this project for some time. A four diode balanced modulator is used to carry the carrier and a pair of AB1 307s are in the final. Frank is no beginner at the sideband business, being employed in the telephone branch of the P.M.G. Department and an exponent of the double sideband art on 40 mx for some time.

CORRECTION

Last month an error was made in stating the length of the GSRV antenna. The correct length of the antenna is 101 ft. 9 in. The popularity of this antenna is increasing, being in use at VK2 2ASA, SAPP, 2ON, 2AQJ and proposed by 2DQ and KL7DMU.

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VHF NOTES

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like to see more competitors in these fox hunts and anyone at all interested in participating would be welcome to contact the President of the V.h.f. Group, Mick SZDR, for details of times or the gear used. As a matter of interest to all, the record number of ears present as entrants on one particular night is 15. This would have involved 2nd and 1st place.

144 Mc.—Only one expedition was made this month to Mt. Barker to work the south-east boys with negative results. SAW now has a 24 ft. long Yagi for 2 mx and hopes to realise 16 db. of gain. The exact number of elements seems a little obscure at the moment. David runs approx. 70w. to a QQ2E6/40.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

50 Mc.—Since last month we find that activity has been varied. There has been signs of DX with the appearance of the Russian tv. station and also HLKA on intervals. There have been a few JA3s worked, but not very many.

VK5VDF's beacon has been running for many hours and you tune to 50.000 Mc. and conditions are right you will need it with m.c. Talking of beacons we have learnt that there are two beacons operating in ZS, both on 30.05 Mc. The call signs are ZS1IFX, which runs 70w., and ZS1SLA, which runs 10w., continuously.

The last fox hunt was on 144 Mc. and was won by the only successful hunt was Roy 6RY who found him twice. Kevin 6ZCB has changed his vocation and now works up at the t.v. station. It is very pleasing to hear such nice call signs on 144 Mc. and we bid you welcome. A very interesting event took place on 7th May, that being a v.h.f. scramble. There was a half hour session in the morning and another half hour session in the afternoon.

Bob 6HE is house building and finds that to keep progress going, requires continual checks and verbal requests to keep going. Cedric 6ZBC will be moving into his new QTH very soon.—6RY.

TASMANIA

The V.h.f. Group are at the moment working on two projects. We are now preparing a circuit and kit sets for a 2 mx tx rx which we hope will enable more to make use of this band. We may also be able to supply these ready assembled with a margin in aid of the club room fund. This will be capable of being used for fixed, mobile or portable use and should enable us to have on hand stations capable of being used in an emergency, field days, regattas and so forth. Head men on this job are ZAS and ZSAI with help from 7ZAE and 7ZBE.

We hope to set up a Satellite Listening Station which will work in conjunction with the local Moonwatch team. Chief consultant here will be 7ZAE.

New call sign 6 mx is Brian 7ZAZ, who radiates a mighty signal from Sandy Bay, Ken. Ken W4KUT visited Hobart recently per U.S.S. eventually he discovered that he was visiting Phillip 7ZAX. Ken seems to be quite an expert on v.h.f. back home. He had AM7 YME engaged for two hours after the TWI broadcast.

V.h.f. news is now being re-broadcast from 6 mx 40 mx by TWI, enabling us to keep all VK7s abreast of v.h.f. happenings. Incidentally, how about some information on happenings in the north and north-west by some means or other.—7ZAO.

Correspondence

Any opinion expressed under this heading is the individual opinion of the writer and does not necessarily coincide with that of the publishers.

PAYMENT OF LICENCE

Editor "A.R." Dear Sir,

Permit me space to reply briefly to Max VK2ARZ with respect to the second statement in his recent letter to the Editor in the May issue of "A.R."

Assuming the VK5 Divisional membership to be, shall we say 350, I can assure Max that 349 of those members wait each first of the month in eager anticipation of my making even a teeny-weeny slip of the pen which would permit them to get a little of their own back.

Bearing this in mind, is it logical that I would be foolish enough to put pen to paper without being doubly sure of my facts as they appear to you?

The fact that Max claims to having paid his licence fee several times locally means nothing outside of VK2, as I can assure him that in Adelaide he can only pay the fee to the Receiver of Public Money in the Adelaide G.P.O.

—Warwick Parsons, VK5PS.

ROSS HULL CONTEST

Editor "A.R." Dear Sir,

I found it encouraging to read the replies of VK5SAW, VK5SZCR/T and VK5ABK in the May issue, and of a letter from VK4ZAA, but are these the only people sufficiently interested in the Ross Hull Contest to put pen to paper—what about VK5, VK6, VK7, VK8, VK9, the v.h.f. clubs there etc? Other VK5 operators have spoken to me on the air, but in general they agreed with my proposals. In fact a table very similar to the one published in "A.R." (p.16) was recommended by the Federal Contest Committee to the VK5 Division. However, insufficient time was allowed for anything to be done for the contest last season.

The scoring table I put forward was to illustrate the type I was trying to make. However, with slight modification, I think it would become a practical proposition. I put considerable thought into the values in the table and I must disagree with the changes put forward by David VK5SAW and Al VK5SZCR/T. Two points I did not comment on in my first letter are my reasons:

1. Local cross-town contacts serve no real positive purpose on 50 and 144 Mc. New stations, with the simpler type of gear, always tend to become popular for the first month or so of operation and don't go after contacts in contest or no contest. However, such contacts do, undoubtedly give the large-city operator a definite advantage and without doubt the most favoured city in this respect is Melbourne.

Local, your Call Books, the number of VK5Z calls listed, then compare. Melbourne is favoured so much that in the contests of 1955/56 and 1956/57, when the rules were such that local contacts were out of 31 entries in 55/56 and 11 out of 14 in 56/57, Entries were at all-time low and some States were not represented at all.

During the latter part of 1958 and early 1959, I had the chance of meeting v.h.f. operators in VK2, 4 and 5, and I asked why they didn't enter in the Ross Hull. They reply invariably was "....the rules favour Melbourne operators because of the relatively great activity there." These were city v.h.f. men talking. They had activity all right, but not on the level existing in Melbourne. In my opinion, the best way to exist and the best way of nullifying this advantage is to bar local contacts.

This would mean that the v.h.f. station just outside the main centres of activity does gain some advantage, but not such a great one as some may think. The country on cannot always work every city station and surely the people to encourage are those in the munga. If, however, general opinion throughout Australia shows that local contacts should have some value, then the rules should be changed accordingly. Perhaps a limitation could be placed on the number of scoring contacts with a particular station within the shorter ranges.

2. In the table submitted by VK5SAW and VK5SZCR/T, they have doubled the values in my tabulation in most cases. This, I feel, leads to some odd situations, especially a big difference in the value of QSO in adjoining distance areas where such a difference is not

warranted. I think this apparent random doubling of the points serves no purpose other than to make for large scores.

My suggestion about operating for one week within the Dec.-Jan., or Jan.-Feb. period at the operator's discretion, may also apply VK4ZAA's request.

VK5ABK caused me to have further thoughts on the value of contacts for the higher bands over the shorter distances, and because of the very limited activity on these bands at the present time, I feel it would not be inconsistent with my foregoing statements to modify my original table as follows:—

	268	576
	Mc.	Higher
Over 1 and up to 10 miles	0	1
" 10 ..	25 ..	2
" 25 ..	50 ..	2
" 50 ..	100 ..	5
" 100 ..	200 ..	10
" 200 ..	300 ..	as before

before

The remainder of the table to be as before. Remember, it is up to the v.h.f. men in each State to agree amongst themselves and then, through their Divisional Councils, to inform F.C.C. of their wishes. Remember, too, to keep things simple and if any radically new ideas come up, let everyone know by putting the idea in "A.R.". In this way, the v.h.f. sub-committee of F.C.C. shouldn't be too diverted and that body should be able to come up with changed rules acceptable to everybody with a minimum of effort.

Now is the time to act if you want new rules for the 1961/62 contest. Get cracking—see you in the Ross Hull.

—David Rankin, VK3QV.

EUROPEAN OSCILLATOR CIRCUITS

Editor "A.R." Dear Sir,

Referring to the article on European oscillator circuits recently printed from "CO" magazine. In particular the Clapp Franklin circuit of Telefunken Laboratories.

This circuit seems to have undergone some major changes during its reprinting:

- (a) The value of C_1 has been increased to 0.001 second triode T_1 is taken to B_{eg} instead of B_{pl} .
- (b) Some rather amazing values are quoted for the feedback network, i.e. 0.015 μF . and 0.01 μF .

To maintain oscillation, a circuit must satisfy the equation $A \times B = 1$ where A equals voltage gain and B equals feedback.

With the value of capacity quoted it would be necessary for the two triodes to have an overall gain of approximately 100.

Triodes in such a circuit at 3.5 Mc. are more likely to have a gain in the vicinity of 2, i.e. $2 \times 2 = 4$.

I feel that the values of 0.015 and 0.01 quoted were probably, in the original, 0.0015 and 0.001, under which condition the formula $A \times B = 1$ equals 1 can be satisfied by an overall gain of approximately unity.

The above theoretical considerations are borne out by my experience when I built this circuit which, after the above mentioned modifications, proved to be very satisfactory and all that was originally claimed.

—Cyril B. Edmonds, VK5AEE.

THE BOTTOM "40" OF 30 METRE PHONE

In the "good old days" before the fateful 10th March, 1934, DX operators followed a practice of working 20 metres s.s.b. by tuning the frequency range 14300 to 14350 kc. This segment of the 20 metre band was affectionately dubbed "the top 50".

A careful scrutiny of this "top 50" today would reveal quite a different situation. A solid mass of SSB plus signs from North American stations would be the only thing heard, with scarcely a space in the 50 kc. segment. Any DX station brave enough to operate here with a signal less than S5 would be welcomed for tuning in.

The stronger ones who do manage to make themselves heard above the cacophony are faced with a constant stream of W calls or the familiar "break, break". Usually the intrepid DX station has to give up eventually even if he tries to cope with the Herculean task of handing out reports. These circumstances a solid QSO is not only rare but also well nigh impossible.

The net result is that nobody is happy with the situation as it is at present. Here in Canada, the DXers and s.a.b. operators have been trying their hardest to convince DX operators throughout the world that the spot for the VE's and the DX is below 14.2 Mc.—that is, the "lower or bottom" 40% of the band of frequencies between 14100 and 14140 kc.

Until recently we've been voice voices crying out in the wilderness", but during the

past week, several DX stations have favoured the "Bottom 40" with their presence: VRAC, ED1Z, ZL1WD, VP2AB, VK1JAO, ZL1JA, G3M2EQ, ZL1AQ, and others.

Now, it only needs a final push-pull effort by all of us to make the "Bottom 40" a permanent home for DX s.s.b. operation on 30 mc.

May we count upon your support in this programme? With your support, we would soon see the return of many well known s.s.b. operators. Their hobby has become disengaged and may have faded away, no doubt due to the chaotic conditions existing on the h.f. end of the 20 metres band.

Not only would these old-timers return, but also new stations would join on the band as soon as they realized that this has become by custom "sidelband DX territory".

Only in this way can international sidetband operation make progress. Only in this manner can it assume the stature, within our great hobby, that it so rightly deserves.

See you on the "LOWER 40"—Soon!

—Bob VESAYE (Sec. op. of VE3BWW), Public Relations Officer, Ontario DX Association.

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NOTES

FEDERAL NON ISSUANCE OF R.D. AND N.F.D. CERTIFICATES

Place getters in the 1951 Remembrance Day and National Field Day Contests will be wondering why they have not received their certificates. The truth of the matter is that all the Federal Certificates were issued and paid for and water last year, and so, pending insurance settlements and what-have-you, nothing much could be done about it.

Work is progressing on new designs for most of the W.L.A. certificates, but it will be a few months yet before designs, art work and printing has been decided and completed. In the meantime a few of the old certificates have been salvaged—with the exception of the R.D. of course. These few were designed beyond salvage, and these have been cut around the edges, resulting in a reasonably respectable certificate which will have to suffice for the time being.

EX FEDERAL OFFICER ORDAINED AS MINISTER

Mr. John Rice-Oxley, VK3AKO, former officer of the Federal Executive, has recently been ordained as a Minister of the Church of England and has been located as Curate to St. Mary's Church, Paddington, and St. Paul's, Kingsville. Educated at Cambridge University, he left school leaving standard in 1949. John joined the Postmaster-General's Department and became a cadet draftsman. He nearly completed the Diploma of Electrical Engineering at the (then) Royal Melbourne Technical College during this time. In 1954 he commenced his studies with the P.M.G. Research Laboratories. During the next two years with Research, he completed his Diploma.

In 1956 John left the P.M.G.'s. Department to commence a course of Licentiate in Theology at Ridley College, Melbourne, a course which he has now successfully completed. Although he has been inactive due to his studies, John hopes to soon get back on the air again.

G.E. HAM NEWS

Many will remember "Lighthouse Larry" of General Electric Company, U.S.A., and that excellent publication G.E. Ham News.

A recent letter from Lighthouse Larry advised that distribution of G.E. Ham News outside the U.S.A. is to be carried through the International General Electric Company. They ship quantities of each issue to their representatives in more than forty countries.

If you are interested in receiving copies of future issues you should write to:

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Also G.E. Ham News' third bound volume and G.E. Ham News S.s.b. Package, second edition, are ready for distribution. These can be obtained by sending money order to the value of four dollars to:

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General Electric Company,
318 Elm Ninth Street,
Owensboro, Kentucky, U.S.A.

Dollar money orders for technical publications are available from all Post Offices.

L.A.R.U. YEAR IN REVIEW

As has been the custom, the December Calendar of the Union contains a brief report by the H.Q.s. on the affairs of the Union for the past year.

Membership in the Union increased from 54 to 56, the Liga dos Amadores Radio de Angola and the Club de Radio Aficionados de El Salvador being welcomed into membership during 1960. Although in the country for the year the H.Q.s. engaged in correspondence with several potential new members of the Union, none have so far resulted in a formal application.

Member Societies indicate a continuing growth in their membership, paralleling the increase in number of Amateurs throughout the world. The Radio Amateur Call Book Magazine currently lists more than 100,000 Amateurs outside the U.S. and possessions; the comparable figure

ten years ago was only 43,000. Neither figure includes Amateurs in countries from which statistical information is not reliably available, notably the U.S.S.R. In the U.S., the number of Amateurs increased from 90,000 to more than 200,000 during the last ten years.

The fourth meeting of the Region I Division was held at Folkestone, U.K., June 13-17, attended by 40 delegates from 15 countries, plus six observers. The gathering discussed European Amateurs' allocations, governmental liaison, I.T.U. Panel of Experts, and a general review of the 1959 Geneva Radio Conference. The next meeting is contemplated for 1963 in Stockholm.

The I.T.U. gave notice, at mid-year, that Iran had withdrawn its objection, filed ten years ago, concerning allocations between I.A. Amateurs and those of other countries. The United States signed third-party message traffic agreements with Haiti, Honduras and Paraguay.

There was no international conference affecting Amateurs held during 1960, although in July the I.T.U. Conference of Radiocommunication came into effect. An extraordinary conference on frequency allocations for space communications is contemplated for 1963; preparatory work commenced in some countries during 1960. The Panel of Experts to study the question of allocations in 4 to 27 Mc. is scheduled to meet in Geneva during 1961, and here again preparatory work in several countries commenced during 1960.

The Union Belge des Amateurs-Emetteurs reported extensive operation by its Amateurs, while normal communications were interrupted in the Congo. A communication emergency net, headed by the official station of the Radio Club de Chile (CE3AA) in Santiago handled much traffic during the earth quake and sea quakes.

WIBUD Retires

Arthur L. Budlong, WIBUD, I.A.R.U. Secretary and A.R.R.L. Secretary and General Manager, retired on Dec. 31, 1960. He had been with the League since 1948, and had been Secretary of the Union since 1949. We know all member societies will join the H.Q.s. in an expression of deep appreciation for his many services to Amateur Radio over the years, particularly in the field of international administrative liaison, and we wish him many happy years of retirement.

The A.R.R.L. Board of Directors elected John Huntoon as Secretary of the League effective Jan. 1, 1961, at which time he also became Secretary of the I.A.R.U. as provided in Article III, Para. 4 of the Union constitution.

INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY MATTERS

The next international regulatory event with particular effects on Amateur Radio Services is a meeting of the Panel of Experts in Geneva, probably in Sept. 1961. The Panel has been assigned the task of studying the problem of congestion in the bands between 4 and 27.5 Mc., and of making recommendations to the I.T.U. for the purpose of alleviating the pressure on those bands. The Panel's membership will consist of the four heads of the permanent organs of I.T.U. (Secretary-General, and chairmen of I.F.R.U., C.G.I.R., and I.R.T.), plus up to seven additional members chosen by the Administrative Council at its meeting in April 1961, from nominations made by individual administrations. The Panel will probably continue its meetings as necessary in 1962, after which a report will be prepared and submitted to the Administrative Council. The Council will then consider the report and recommendations, after consulting administrations, will decide whether any further action should be taken, such as calling another international radio conference.

It is expected that the list of permanent members will be chosen by the Administrative Council. Member Societies are urged to maintain liaison with their governments in connection with any activity involving participation in the work of the Panel of Experts, so that the interests of the Amateur Radio Service may be properly safeguarded.

SILENT KEY

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of—

VK3AGB—Pete Gibbons.
VK5LT—Pat Leonard.

of the R.S.G.B. during 1960. He succumbed on Christmas Day, 1960, after a long illness.

"Cliff" Metcalfe's progression to the R.S.G.B. Presidential Chair was remarkable. He became a member of the Council in Jan. 1955, upon his election to the office of Zonal Representative for Northern Rhodesia. Two years later, he was elected Hon. Treasurer, an office he held while still acting as a Zonal Representative. In Jan. 1958, he became Executive Vice-President, and on Jan. 1, 1960, he succeeded Dr. Smith-Rose as R.S.G.B. President.

G.D.R. was licensed before the last war he was a first class telegraphist, but during more recent years he used telephony a good deal on 3.5 Mc. For some time he was a member of the team of R.S.G.B. Service Bulletin readers, helping to provide a service for listeners in the north-east of England.

SUMMARY OF I.T.U. MONITORING REPORTS

Here is a summary of unauthorised stations heard in the Amateur bands during the period May through August, 1960, as reported by the International Telecommunications Registration Board. Stations operating in accordance with the Atlantic City Convention (1947) are not reported. Stations heard in the Amateur bands only once or twice during the four-month period are not reported, either.

Freq.	Call/QRA	Type of Signal
7,038	APK	Broadcast
7,039	CPG	"
7,050	Paris	"
7,059	Pekin	"
7,060	Iomnia	"
7,075	Moscow	"
7,080	Pekin	"
7,081	Paris	"
7,100	U.S.S.R.	"
7,127	XKF4	Manual Al
14,287	NNNN35	Automatic Al
14,303	IRL23	"
14,309	VTC15	"
21,000	OLU	Radio Teletype F1
21,001	OLU	Automatic Al
21,002	OLU	"
21,031	China	Broadcast
21,180	HLG59	Radio Teletype F1
21,300	ULV	Automatic Al

FEDERAL QSL BUREAU

Considerable difficulty is being experienced with the disposal of incoming cards for VK3 stations. This year's list of Antarctic Hams is the largest ever, and contains 28 call signs. Anyone having information which will help to place cards in the correct hands is requested to supply the same to this Bureau. Later it is hoped to publish a list showing full details of the 1961 team. Cards for some stations of the 1960 team are still on hand and the current mainland address of VK0ID, I. Douglas, Davis Base is required.

The Taiwan American Radio Club has opened a QSL Bureau which would be sent either to: T.A.R.C. Box 24, U.S.T.D.C. A.P.O. 63, San Francisco, Calif., U.S.A. or to T.A.R.C., United Taiwan, Defence Command, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China. The Club Secretary is John Grantham, W40SG.

Handender is a full list of the licences issued to members of the 1961 Antarctic team, together with location and home State and other details.—

David: VK3QAW—A. Warriner (Tony), Vic. (QSL via VK2).

GD—A. Brown (Alex), Vic.

GFT—P. Fraser, Vic.

GMH—M. Hay, Vic.

ONL—N. Lied (Nils), Vic.

OVJ—B. Jabs, Vic.

Mawson: VK3QCH—C. Harris, Qld.

OWD—W. Denham, N.S.W.

OWW—W. Young, Vic.

Wilkes: VK3EHN—E. Harrigan, N.Y. (U.S.A.).

OJR—J. Breckinridge (John), N.Y. (U.S.A.).

OLC—G. Hemphill, N.Y. (U.S.A.).

OMG—M. Barrigan, Vic.

ONR—N. Smeathen, W.A.

OPF—D. Whitehead, W.A.

ORT—R. Terckier (Ray), N.S.W.

OSW—S. Church (Stan), Vic.

OTC—T. Cordwell (Tom), W.A. (QSL via VK2EG).

OVK—J. Sommey (Steve), N.S.W. (VK2VK).

OWB—W. Burch, Vic.

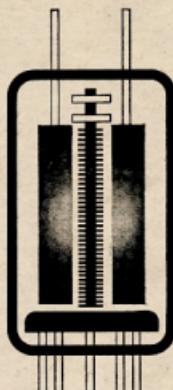
OWE—W. Hogan, W.A.

OWF—W. Budd, N.S.W.

OWS—W. Saunders, Virginia (U.S.A.).

OWW—W. Wilson, Virginia (U.S.A.).

PHILIPS



TRANSMITTING AND RECTIFYING TUBES FOR MOBILE EQUIPMENT

The necessity of telecommunication equipment for sea and air transport is obvious. In this field, telecommunication equipment is often obligatory. In many other fields, however, a need for communication is equally felt, but the bulk and cost of transceivers of usual design has long been prohibitive. Faced with this problem, equipment designers and tube and component manufacturers, working in close co-operation, have gradually developed mobile transmitting equipment that successfully combines small dimensions, low cost, ease of operation, high and dependable performance. As a result, mobile telecommunication equipment is being used on an ever-increasing scale in numerous fields, as, e.g.:

- coasters.
- motor launches of shipping agencies, ships' chandlers, contractors of harbour works.
- small fishing boats.
- tugs (e.g., for direct communication with their tow).
- seagoing yachts and other small maritime craft.
- fireguard for contact with central office.
- taxi cabs for contact with the central point.
- doctors' cars for contact with their base.
- building firms for contact between remote or not easily accessible spots.
- public utility firms for contact with their outside personnel.
- service firms for contact with their personnel on vehicles.
- lonely farms in sparsely populated areas.
- airport vehicles.

Transmitting tubes

PREFERRED TYPES

Further additions to the range of "quick-heating" tubes will be announced shortly.

TYPE OF TUBE	PREFERRED TYPES				Further additions to the range of "quick-heating" tubes will be announced shortly.												
	QQE02/5 Double Tetrode (6393)	QQE04/5 Double Tetrode (6393)	QQE03/12 Double Tetrode (6360)	QQC03/14 Double Tetrode (7933)	QQC03/15 Double Tetrode (6365)	QOE03/20 Double Tetrode (6327)	QOE05/40 Double Tetrode (6146)	QOE05/51 Double Tetrode (6042)	QOE06/40 Double Tetrode (6094)	QEL1/50 (41150A) Double Tetrode	QOE08/200 (41150A) Double Tetrode	PE1/100 Tetrode (6083)	PE1/200 Tetrode (5868)	QB3/200 Tetrode (6153)	TB2.5/200 Tetrode (6153)	TB2.5/400 Tetrode (6153)	
(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	(W)	
2 Mc/s	5.8 7.2*	7.0 8.0*	14.5 18.5*	14.5 18.5*	26.6 35.0*	48	69*	52	52	90	195	200	132	390	375	390	500
20 Mc/s	5.8 7.2*	7.0 8.0*	14.5 18.5*	14.5 18.5*	26.6 35.0*	48	69*	52	52	90	195	200	132	390	375	390	500
30 Mc/s	5.8 7.2*	7.0 8.0*	14.5 18.5*	14.5 18.5*	26.6 35.0*	48	69*	52	52	90	195	200	132	390	375	390	500
60 Mc/s	5.8 7.2*	7.0 8.0*	14.5 18.5*	14.5 18.5*	26.6 35.0*	48	69*	52	52	90	195	132	390	375	390	500	
100 Mc/s	5.8 7.2*	7.0 8.0*	14.5 18.5*	14.5 18.5*	26.6 35.0*	48	69*	40	40	90	195	390	375	390	480	480	
120 Mc/s	5.8 7.2*	7.0 8.0*	14.5 18.5*	14.5 18.5*	26.6 35.0*	48	69*	35	35	90	195	390	375	390	475	475	
150 Mc/s	5.8 7.2*	7.0 8.0*	14.5 18.5*	14.5 18.5*	26.6 35.0*	48	47*	29	29	90	195	390	360	390	465	465	
200 Mc/s	5.8 7.2*	7.0 8.0*	14.5 18.5*	14.5 18.5*	20.0 34.5	48	47*	40*	40*	90	195	197	225			445	
300 Mc/s	5.8 7.2*	7.0 8.0*			6.5 8.0*			75	75	170						400	
430 Mc/s	5.8 7.2*	7.0 8.0*			23			66	66	155						350	
500 Mc/s	5.8 7.2*	7.0 8.0*			22			60	60	140						325	
600 Mc/s		7.0 8.0*			20											290	
890 Mc/s		7.0 8.0*														180	
960 Mc/s		7.0 8.0*															

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VK0FZ—F. Stein (Fred), N.S.W. (VK2FZ).
GRF—R. Frost, N.S.W.

The following have been members of earlier expeditions: VKs 0DA, 0NL, GRF, GRT and GRTC. Further details may be had on application to this Bureau.

—Ray Jones, VK3RJ, Federal QSL Manager.

FEDERAL AWARDS

D.X.C.C.—Announcement is hereby made of the following four new and separate additions to the Australian D.X.C.C. Countries List:

AP—East Pakistan (east of India).
HK9—Bajo Nuevo (Columbian insular territory, Caribbean Sea).
HKM—Malpelo Is. (west of Colombia).
KH8—Reede Is. (north-east of main Hawaii group).

New Prefixes.—The Republics which formerly constituted French Equatorial Africa (FQ8) have been allotted new prefixes as under:

Central African Rep.	T1S
Congo Rep.	T1S
Gabon Rep.	T1S
Chad Rep.	T1S
Ivory Coast Rep.	FF8
Mali Rep.	TU2
Madagascar Rep.	FF6
Niger Rep.	5U7
Senegal Rep.	6W8
Voltai Rep.	FF8

Certain of the Republics which formerly constituted French West Africa (FQ8) have been allotted new prefixes as under:

Dahomey Rep.	FF8
Ivory Coast Rep.	TU2
Mali Rep.	FF6
Madagascar Rep.	5U7
Niger Rep.	5U7
Senegal Rep.	6W8
Voltai Rep.	FF8

Amend D.X.C.C. Countries List published in "A.R." Jan 1964 accordingly.

For the use of the new members of the D.X.C.C., copies of the Countries List may be had on application to the Awards Manager.

59 Mc. W.A.S.—Award No. 22, with the addition of VK9, ZL, JA and KH8, has been issued to Roy Blake, VK3ZFM.

W.A.V.K.C.A.—Awards Nos. 160-165 have been issued during April to WUSUG, ZLIAIGO, KSKBR, WUHN, WSKLA and CRVBC.

—Alf Klick, VK3KBE Awards Manager.

NEW SOUTH WALES

MID MONTHLY MEETING

The usual mid monthly meeting of the N.S.W. Division was held on the second Friday of the month at Divisional Hqrs., 14 Atcheson St., Crows Nest, where a very interesting and instructive evening was spent by what could be described as record attendance of members for a meeting of this type.

The lecture arranged for our function was a tape recording of a lecture by Joe Reed, VK2JR, on "Master Oscillators" and which was suitably illustrated by drawings and slides, and was ably conducted by the lecturer who was also in attendance. All agreed that the subject was well handled by the lecturer and much information was derived from this lecture on what is most important subject. Our thanks to Joe for yet another fine effort on our behalf.

GENERAL MEETING

The fourth Friday of the month being the day for the monthly meeting of the Division, Science House, Gloucester St., Sydney, some 50 members attended.

The President, Bill Lewis, VK2YB, opened proceedings and received an apology for non attendance from Graham VK2AGH. Two visitors were welcomed, Steve VK3ZB and Doug VK4ZDR.

Following the reading of minutes by the Hon. Secretary, Max Pfeiffer, VK2MP, the President paid tribute to the assembly. In the past by Norm Beard, VK2ALJ, on behalf of the Division and announced that Norm had recently resigned his position on Council.

Four full members and 12 associates were admitted to membership.

Bill Sherwood ex-VK2ZAF, the lecturer for the evening was invited to the assembly. In opening his address on "Communications in the Department of Civil Aviation," Bill stressed that he intended to illustrate to members the manner in which the Department spent the money it received for them by the public. Bill did this by describing the activities of Airways Operations and Air Communications Control; showing the areas of operation on the many flight tracks and the manner in which they were effected on all types of aircraft. At the conclusion of his address, many questions were posed, indicating the interest

which the subject had aroused and we feel that all present now, at least, have a very healthy respect for the organisation which maintains such a record for safety as we have in our country. The vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by the chairman on the motion of one of our visitors, Steve VK2ZB.

Pierce Healey, FEDERAL COUNCILLOR of the Division, in drawing attention to Federal matters, stressed on members the necessity of submitting logs for the coming Remembrance Day Contest. In the last Contest well over 100 logs were submitted by members of the Association in this State, which only results in this State showing such a deplorable total, despite the great amount of our membership. Frequent reminders will be given by the Divisional Secretary, VK2WV, on this matter prior to the Contest in August in order to correct this. Now is the time to make your resolution to send in THAT log promptly.

The proposal to introduce Novice Licences was discussed and the meeting ratified Federal Executive's motion to proceed with this matter.

Minutes were called for members to serve on the Dural Committee for the ensuing year and the following announced their intention to assist Council: VK3YCY, VK2SG, VK2ZMM, Joe Pollock, Phil Irvine, and Peter Harding. More workers will be required, so contact with any member of Council will do the trick.

FUTURE LECTURES

From our Education Officer, Harold Burtoft, VK2AAH, we have details of lectures arranged for future monthly meetings.

For the June meeting, Eric Warren will talk on "The Work of the University of N.S.W.", H. Eddington of the University of N.S.W., will lecture on the "Measurement of Current in Parasitic Arrays" at a later meeting, and a further lecture is being arranged by Paul Free, of S.T.C., his subject being "Silicon Diodes".

With such a variety of lectures in the coming months, Council are expecting record attendances at future meetings, thank you.

TAPE SERVICE

Harold is also organising a service of taped lectures all of high standard, which are available to country clubs and groups on application to him. Three tapes are immediately available: "Single Sideband," by Leo McMahon, VK2AC, "Master Oscillators" by Joe Reed, VK2JR, "Transistors," by Harold Foster, VK2YB, and one on the graphite that a projected lecture will be on "Suppression of Television Interference" which will prove invaluable to many in country districts as well as those in more settled areas. Many of these tapes are accompanied by drawings and slides in illustration.

PUBLICITY

With the recent inception of many new clubs, especially in country areas, comes the thought that it would be good publicity if, through these columns, details of coming meetings and other news items could be noted. Secretaries should take note that all such information should reach me here by the first of the month, and remember the delay in publication.

JUNE MID MONTH MEETING

News has just come to hand that a most interesting subject will be dealt with at the mid monthly meeting in June. The date is 1st June. Mr. M. R. MacMahon St. Croix Vol. Molesworth, VK2VOM, will discuss the "Wrecking of Disposals Gear" and will give details as to how he puts such equipment into serviceable condition. So, rally round, fellows, and get the gen from Vol on what must be a subject of interest to us all.

DATES TO REMEMBER

General Meeting, fourth Friday of the month at Science House.

Mid Monthly Meeting, second Friday of the month at Atcheson St.

W.h.f. meeting, first Friday of the month, at S.w.l. Group, third Friday of the month, at Atcheson St.

Council meetings on first and third Thursdays at Atcheson St.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST

12th and 13th AUGUST, 1961

1800 hours to 1759 hours E.A.S.T.

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Members are available to members at Atcheson St. each Saturday afternoon.

HUNTER BRANCH

It's that antenna man again! Yes, I mean Harold 2AAH, who once again made the long journey down to the coast club to speak at the April meeting. Harold continued his lecture on antennas and, by the way the large gathering looked and listened, his visit was, as before, a great success. To those readers who did not come you missed a most interesting lecture. About 100 sides were drawn to illustrate what Harold had to say, but you will never know how much one can be fooled by pictures of feeder lines that are upside down. They looked OK to me, chaps.

Those present were visitors: D. Evans VK2DE, E. A. Gibson and L. T. Wardin, and the following members and associates: VK5 ZZN, 2SF, 2ZL, 2AFa, 2ZNW, ZXM0, 2R2, 2AYL, 2ZIF, 2JJZ, 2PZ, 2XT and 2AKX. Mr. Clegg and Messrs. Sutherland, Foster, Muller, Forrest, Gray, Stokoe, Davis and McLachlan. All the regulars were delighted to see such a good roll up and we all hope that the trend towards bigger meetings which has been set will continue. I was looking forward to the Dural 2D, but it sneaked away before the meeting ended. He was here on more important business than Amateur Radio though, as he'd made the journey from tucker box land to be present at his daughter's wedding.

An apology was received for the absence of VK2DE, who it was known was away on a new microphone diaphragm for his 2D. Did you have to shout to get some modulation boy? Another lucky holidaying gentleman of late is Lionel 2CS who, among other jaunts paid a visit to the Snowy Mountains Authority. I am not quite sure if I heard correctly, but I believe that I heard Lionel's remark that he was glad to be a taxpayer. It sure must have had some effect. Jervis Bay Naval College also was involved in the itinerary so that the Seafarins could visit their son who is in training there. Roy 2NA, the transistor man, also claimed some of Lionel's visiting time and he arrived home just in time to make some progress with Donald Duck Mk. II.

Also making progress is our good friend, Alan 2ASJ, who is still a spic and span in hospital where he underwent a major operation, but reports now say that he is well on the way to complete recovery now and is home once again.

Harold 2AAH has not been heard on the air lately but reports have it that he is swinging the paint brush. Over Stockton way, Ron 2ASJ and Jack, his r.f. partner, have been heard looking for WSAL on Tuesday about 3 p.m. Let's just leave what has happened to Bill 2ZK I. I notice he has a brand new transceiver being held up by a piece of wire, but little r.f. is getting into it I'm afraid. Let's hear you soon Bill.

Let it not be said that w.h.f. gets no mention, as 2ZAF has his QRP mobile operating on 2 and has worked DX as far afield as New Lambton. He uses 7% well modulated wats. Jim 2AHT must have a super rx hooked on that folded dipole. He is able to give astronomical S readings on almost inaudible signals in the 160 m. band. I wonder what he does? It is said he melted the coil in Max's S meter the other night. Max has a new antenna and what with the revamping his 1155's had, he's looking for a base to throw over the speaker when the volume is turned right back.

Cliffy the microfarad man has a new (to him) JEP which he claims beats the powerfull bomb on 10 ft. of wire. Remember, said Bob 2AQZ he has \$13 on dry batteries at Avoca, well he says it is not true. He claims that the signal came from a 122 in standard trim. Still a -timeless gent, I suppose we must believe him. Harry 2AFa has been abiding at the DX. Following a two day contact on c.w. with a DM one Tuesday, he received the confirmation on the following Saturday morning Harry was so surprised that he sent a card in the same day.

Signals have been pouring in on the new parallel dipole at Booragul, the hideout of the hamburgers, but very few have been staggering out. Main cause of the trouble seems to be the lack of a tx. Sherwood has one on the board and he keeps getting an "EAT it going today." However, what with A.O.C.P. quiz and the Leaving Certificate, he rightly says "not enough time." The permit to run 2AKX/P Booragul has been received and the good old ZCI appears at times but the club

rig should not be long now. More crystals have arrived from afar and the band is pretty well covered—40 anyway. The osc. goes well but there is an absence of drive, but fear not all will come good in the end. The club is going to send some prayers and blessing offered for the institution of amateur licence at 5 p.m. as some of the boys seem stuck on that magical figure.

Well chaps, don't forget the meeting. It will be at the usual time, Tighten Hill Union site on the second Friday night for those without a calendar, that's the 9th. See you there.—SAKX.

VK2ATQ—BOYS' RADIO CLUB

The club hasn't been as active as we would like, and band conditions always seem a bit off when we are on. However, a few ZLAs and VK4s have exchanged reports on 20 m.

We have had some news with 2ADZ, 2AZC, 2AZR, 2ACZ, 2PF and 2NA lately. George 2ADZ is living about half a mile away, but 2AMU and 2ALA are even closer.

Welcome back to Bob 2IN, after his trip through the world. Bob supplied enough quantities of spare parts for our projects last year, but due to lack of time, construction work right now is nil.

Reg 2AI has promised to pay a visit after the holidays and demonstrate his KW4. We are borrowing a s.s.b. tx for a while or if that doesn't raise a burst of activity nothing will.—2AXX.

VICTORIA

At the May monthly meeting we had an "Auction Night". Len Moreton was the very able auctioneer and quite a few items were exchanged. For one item someone started the bidding at "a dollar". SAKJ thought he'd be a smart alec and raised it to "1 dollar 20". He laughed on the other side of the room when Len Moreton got down to him for 9/81. Lots of fun was had and lots of fun was had by all. Prior to the auction, Sid Clarke showed us samples of coaxial cables which are being used between Sydney and Melbourne and also for high-power v.h.f. applications. The advertising was good and the meeting off to a good start. Thanks, Sid. Thanks also to Len who did a fine job of extracting the "dollars," and dispensing the gear.

This month, on the 7th June, Wednesday night, the agenda items will be a lecture by

Lex 3AII, on s.s.b., linear amplifiers, electronic T/R switches, and the like. The last lecture he gave on this subject was outstanding so, as to be in this month; 8 p.m. at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Radio Theatre, Wednesday, 7th June.

With regard to the library, we are missing the following books: Admiralty Handbook 1938, Vol. 1; Frequency Modulation, by Tibbs. Please return them at once, and it might be a good idea if we book out the radio room so that our new librarian can sort out what's missing. This will cost money, so please if you have not paid your subscription yet, let's have it.

R.D. CONTEST

Yes, about 10 weeks to this annual event. Let's make the usage of activity in VK3 over the past year or so a very evident fact by all h.f. operators getting on the air. As you know the "big" States have little chance of winning unless MOST of the entries are a log. Please keep this in mind—August 1st, the month and crack up your gear on 20, 40, 20 m. The v.h.f. boys are up to all sorts of capers, here is an opportunity for those of us on the "d.c." bands to do something—i.e. about 90 per cent of VK3 stations submit logs for the R.D. Contest.

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PERSONAL BITS

Keith 3YQ is back from Japan; glad to have you back, Keith. David 3ADW on holidays up in the Alps. Peter 3ANQ, Michael 3ZEO and 3ZCF back from the S.W. Zone Convention, said they had a beaut time. JAP, another television star, on the children's session on Channel 9 of a Wednesday night, giving Amateur Radio a bit more publicity. Very well done! Kev 3AJD was having some parties on 15 m like FG8, 9US, 2ZEs etc., in the afternoons. He has a tri-band quad and home brew rig running 80w. to 813 final. He tells me that Keith 2MC is busy re-building his rig also with a Genito v.f. modulator and hopes to be active on all bands before very long. Other Hams in Benalla are Bill 3JP, Jack 3PF, George 3ADZ, but not very active.

SOUTH WESTERN ZONE

The Zone Convention was held in Warrnambool on 29th and 30th April. A departure from tradition by the local group put the zone

annual meeting during the Saturday afternoon and thus allowed the members to devote the entire evening to entertaining the visitors. It was certainly a struggle to make the earlier meeting a success, opinion was that the effort was well worth while.

Our new President is Brian 3XN and he is succeeded by Jim 3ABT and Bob 3IC, the Vice-Presidents. The Secretary, alas, remains with Don 3AKN, but some of the burden has been relieved by the arrival of Eric 3ZEO who fills the long vacant post of Publicity Officer. Eric will be in charge of these notes from now and may be found on 144 Mc. almost any night. If you do have anything for the notes, please get in touch. I have a card and haven't a chance to write up the old firm on 80 mx and we should get it through for you.

The field events were based at Jubilee Park outside the city. The weather was kind and a wonderful time was had by all, especially the young. The Mr. Mt was won by Eric 3ZEO in an old tank in the abandoned school ground by Brian 3XN. The first two to arrive dead-heated. The organising committee had the forthright to read the speedometers of the cars and the strength and decisiveness of Michael 3ZEO the winner by one min. The Geelong Club Perpetual Trophy, however, concluded the runner-up, John 3AGD. Michael also found the 2 mx rig hidden by Bill 3ZFG. There were no starters for the 8 mx hidden tx. The first to arrive was Eric 3ZEO followed by the fox 3AKN, nobly assisted by 3ARJ. Bill 3ZEO, the all-band scramble went to 3AKN on a count back from Bill 3XE and John 3AGD. Bill, however, took the DX prize for a contact with Kevin 3AHA at Kyneton on 80 mx during the scramble. The best mobile went to John 3AGD.

There were many other minor events and prizes. That stalwart of the nit wit network, Luke 3LI, drew the lucky programme and a special for the long distance he travelled. The hamfest all drew the prize for the hidden tx hunt and the ladies all for the best lunch ever.

Our thanks go to all who did the events, too many to name, to those who gave up their time, especially to the men and XYLs who made the lunch and afternoon tea, and to Eric 3ANQ, Judy and Mrs. Giddings who did the thousand and one little jobs that always crop up. Lastly a special thank you to our visitors, David 3AW, Roy 3ZFM, Reg 3ZER, Michael 3ZEO and many others. Don't you think Michael 3ZEO who planned to attend the zone meeting on behalf of the State Council and who arrived just too late with a most dubious excuse?

The W.I.C.E.N. operators met under the chairmanship of Jim 3ABT, co-ordinator and zone control station. Jim declined re-election to the position of co-ordinator and Pat 3ADN will be asked to do that job. The position of control station is to be rotated among the members. Skeds will remain at two per month. We hope to get on to some traffic handling very soon. Bill 3XKE caused a stir by pressing for the use of c.w. and was (naturally) supported by 3AKN and Bill 3MC. Result was however inconclusive.

On the subject of the Convention, the main was the need for a link with Eric 3ANQ during the weeks previous and it was a pleasure indeed to meet him on his own ground, his house, too. David 3AW and Gordon 3ANQ have another son. Gordon has over 100 stations confirmed and is waiting for his 100 Award Certificate. He is building gear for 280 Mc. now when he is not on the job of building the new a.c. extension to the R/T Link with VK3. Other notable visitors included from Roy 3ZFM, Herb 3NN, Reg 3ZCR and Geoff 3ZFX. Reg's rig is one of those poultry farm sort and we couldn't (shame on us) unscrebble it, but we will, never fear.

Brian 3XN has also come back to this band with a stab at 170 (yes and no other needs) and is doing well. John 3ARJ and Bill 3ZFG. Bill has drawn a 822 from the Institute and will no doubt be a starter.

We have made a rather shaky start on the 80 mx band to meet Bill 3ZFX at home. Bill has a set of discs for the Z band and with the help of Peter 3FX who can be heard using the key most nights for practice. John 3AMC and Eric 3XL are very active on 80 mx still.

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John hopes to have the break-in and vox working soon and also the new 6x mix converter. Eric has been working Harry SAIE frequently. Last Z2X has been a modulated modulator, on this band ostensibly looking for 2x mix contacts but, alas, appears to have been seduced by Thorb 3ZDP into looking for DX. Norm's peak input is 15W. to QGE0E/40. Norm 3ZQ has taken off to get mobile during the Convention. Norm and 3DX have been getting DX cards by proxy lately. The pirate station has been heard by several chaps and appears to be the local for him apparently. Peter 3AQK has been polishing up the Geelong Club station 3AGL and put it on the air using vox too. Jack 3JX has a little black box tightly screwed up which he uses occasionally. Modulator is a nice shiny piece of brass. Welcome to Ron 3ZLP who can be found on 144.250 m. and will answer. And DX can be seen as soon as that bug in the sky has been heard. Mal 3JUT has the urge again for 20 m and is getting good reports of the long wire antenna. Keith, the l.w.l., has reverted to the other extreme now and has confirmation from the Keith Fm. station on 145 Mc. and is awaiting the arrival of the R. B. R. L. V. station from Vladivostok. Also, Keith is waiting for confirmation from 3AKN on a 144 Mc. report (so are we!). So from 145 kc. to 144 Mc. quite a varied diet!

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The only portable station noted during the month was Kevin 3AKR portable at Puckapunyal, using a Type 61 set and pieces of wet string. And so from here it is QRD. Those who also helped with these news over the past year and please keep up the flow of gen for Eric 3ANQ who will now be doing the whole of the zone publicity work. It's over to you, Eric, and cheerio all! Best DX to you all and may your r.f. never grow less. 73, 3AKN.

EASTERN ZONE

The Eastern Zone Convention, held at Yarram on April 8, resulted in a further burst of activity throughout the zone. Keep it up

80 m zone hook-ups have been held every Sunday morning at 9.30 a.m. with 3ZQ, SAIT, 3DY, 3QH, 3PR, 3BZ, 3NY and John Batterick being regular participants. I wonder if some of the more members of the zone could open the switches on and add to the QRM on 9.390 kc. on Sunday morning at 9.30—no tv. to worry about at that hour caps. Cliff does the honours by replying to 3JWL. The 2 and 6 m boys in the zone are quite active, with 3DY, 3ZB, 3ZDP and 3ZQX running the air every Thursday evening. Ross is working quite a few boys down in Melbourne, with Peter 3ZDP following in his footsteps—just to show that it can be done. What about a few more 2 m signals on a Thursday night caps?

Peter 3ZDP at first thought had a lot of trouble trying to get a QGE0E/40, thinking that he would have to get into the business and then I may be able to try and tame me a QGE0E/40 also. Maybe Peter if you write to Phillips they will bring some out with nice pink plates.

The zone held a field day at Yarrigal Creek on Sunday, April 30, and the zone host for the day, Alf McCrell, was able to welcome 22 people.

Some of the boys went real Indian style, Comanche and Cheyenne type to be exact. But most worked too, with owner operator. 3MHD working some nice 12W. A very hearty welcome to the zone Bill. Think a lock and chain on your gear is in order as all the boys really went for your outfit. While the boys were working (Ham Radio style), the XYLs and their ladies were gathering mushrooms. Look what you city boys missed by not at-

tending. Thanks Alf and Mrs. McCrell for a very enjoyable outing.

David 3DY working nice DX on 28 Mc. with a 100W. 2 m beam, 100W. 20 m beam and beam up with a Collins KWM2 the other night so that could be the reason that the DX now rolls in. Sorry to lose George 3ZCC from the zone, our most ardent v.h.f. operator, best of luck. George 3A1, 3ZDP, 3DY and 3ZQX have been getting DX cards by proxy lately. The pirate station has been heard by several chaps and appears to be the local for him apparently. Peter 3AQK also.

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Thirty stations were contacted altogether including a few ZLs. We used 49 mxx on Saturday afternoon, and 80 mxx after tea on Fri. and Sat. Fortunately, 80 mxx was quite good and signals were heard quite well down the coast.

We found in the crowd a few radio minded young lads, and one or two lads (not as young) but still radio minded. One gentleman I remember gave up his call sign 3AS about 1930.

We met young Andrew Skewes, who is sitting for the ticket in October. Andrew is 15, still goes to school, but isn't lacking in ability on the microphone. Had to practically drag him away from it.

Another visitor to the Ham shack was Miss Janice herself. Janice showed keen interest in radio and very capably held a QSO with Dave 2DE at Gundagai. Her presence was a great asset to the shack as was evidenced by a noticeable increase in interest, both in the

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audience and on the air. Her voice was perfect (we sneaked a listen in the monitor) and we are of the opinion that her presence greatly enhanced the meeting.

Janice herself has a talent on display, namely pottery, so 3ANS tried his hand at the pottery and took home a vase as proof of his ability at "earthenware".

Amongst the equipment displayed were a Companion receiver, Educator rx, a.c.o., AT5 and 3Z2 tx-rx. A centre loaded whip and 4 el. 2 mz beam, a QSL display, and some technical books on valve data, A.R.R.L. etc., completed the picture. A particularly fine piece of equipment was Bruce's portable rx. This unit is a very compact rig runs a 2ER to 2SW with Class B modulation. The rx side is all there too. Amplified a.v.c. was very effective when this rx was used to relay operator's voice to the audience, who had to sit back and wait for the operator to speak periods. The problem was overcome by turning on this portable rx to hear the main tx.

Keen interest was shown in our stand and we think our stand was as popular as any other—apart from the bubble-bath!

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY AMATEUR RADIOS CLUB

The club is functioning this year in much the same manner as before, meetings are being held in the Electronic Lab. on Friday evenings once a fortnight. The next meeting is on Friday, June 7.30 p.m.

Committee meetings are being held and the committee for 1961 is as follows: President, Michael 3ZCZ; Secretary, Duncan 3LQ; Treasurer, Ian 3ZHR; Committee [elected]; Alan Burnett, Michael 3AVV, Stewart 3ZIS; (co-opted) club members: Ron 3AUS and John 3AXI.

The boys are still searching for a "home" for the club station, 3ATM, as pressure on accommodation at the University is very great. This is a difficult task. The club equipment is being re-housed and they should be on the air again soon.

Plans are in hand for a club "do" on 1962 National Field Day. What about you organizing club or zone, or some other group, show next year?

QUEENSLAND TOWNSVILLE

With the merging of summer into winter we always looked forward to a change in the band conditions, but reluctant to say, this year has not lived up to expectations, although some nice DX has broken through on rare occasions. I can truthfully say no new countries heard for quite a long while and those pile ups on the choice stations are no longer heard. Maybe that is the reason for lack of operation by the locals. One time there were always a few on each band, but now it appears that are few and far between. One club re-building a sputnik antenna, Eddie 4WH, who has not been on the air for some years, putting the final touches to his hi-fi which will have tomorrow's inventions today.

The most welcome visit was paid by Middy and Mavis, 3S1CD, who after touring New Zealand, were prevailed upon to come up to sunny North Queensland and see our beautiful scenic resorts. Did my best to show all the places around Townsville before sending along to Brett 3Z2 in the hope that he would report as yet of their travelling in the district. Pleasing to hear Rick 4VR has at last graduated from the laundry to a room upstairs which has been vacated by his son 4ZAP on his recent marriage. Rick says no more transmitter losses due to moisture, etc. Will be able to chase the DX now in comfort.

At the last meeting of the local club, the tape sent along by 4WJ on t.v. interference was played to a fair audience. Power line interference seemed to be the highest on the coast side, while in the interior, down the hill, a whisper is that the local t.v. station will definitely be placed on Mount Stuart and served by a scenic road. So we still have a period of grace before worrying about t.v. gremlins.

At the last meeting it was decided to make Evelyn Hales a honorary member in recognition of the first lady to gain a licence in North Queensland (well done). Evelyn is the XYL of Charlie 4BQ, who can be heard on most bands.

Class 4UX returned from a sojourn in the southern States, brought back wealth of literature for the boys. The local Z boys can be heard each evening working the JAs on 50 Mc. A VS6 promises to open up on this band very shortly. No Kths there at present. 73, 4WV.

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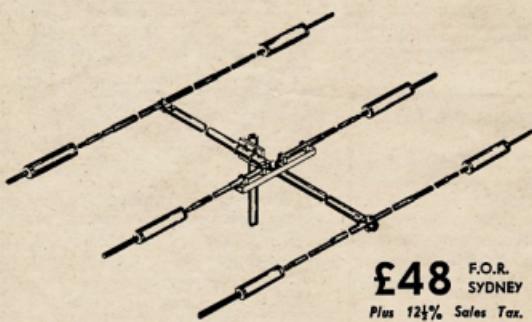
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A representative gathering of the members of the VK5 Division turned up at the monthly general meeting for April, at which Ron SZDC showed a large number of the slides that he took on his recent trip to the four corners of the globe. As I had had quite a lot about these slides, and with my usual cunning I talked Ron into agreeing to screen them at a meeting in the future, thinking that I would be able to sit back in comfort and enjoy them rather than to witness this. I often wonder if the shrewdness of Council, who at the moment that my back was turned and I had left for my holidays, immediately contacted Ron and persuaded him to put them on at the very next meeting, with the result that I still have never seen them. Since then, I have spoken to several who did see them, and I now realise that Council have again blotted their copy book with me, and whilst it was my intention to bury the hatchet with the new Council for 1961, I have now sworn to not let my membership pass by unvoiced for some time in the near future. The vote of thanks to Ron for his kindness in placing himself at the disposal of the meeting was proposed by Rex SDO, and the members present showed their appreciation of the usual manner.

Due to the lateness of the hour no business was transacted, although there was the intention of Council to distribute the many membership certificates now available. These will be, or

have already been distributed to members, but if you have not yet got in touch with the Honorary Secretary and I am sure that the same Secretary, he will do the rest.

Incidentally, Brian SCA filled in for me with the notes for the local paper each week that I was away, and taking it for granted that the membership certificates would be distributed at the meeting, he announced in the paper that the certificates were distributed at the meeting plus one or two incidents that were supposed to have taken place. Due to the number of slides shown and the fact that it was too late for any business, he was caught out on the wrong end, and once he hit the wall very quickly about this because the truth of what he was writing the notes he made my efforts look like the ramblings of a nitwit, so much so that I tried to persuade him to keep on the good work for the rest of the year with a few more words on his part. Anyway, thanks OM, you more than held the fort for me, but did you have to set such an example for me to follow?

A very welcome visitor to VK5 this month was "Dud", Charman, GBCJ, Past President of the S.E.A., and we were keen and enthusiastic Amateurs that evening when he came. He was visiting our fair State in his capacity of Chief of the Aerial Section of E.M.L. and everything possible was done by various VK5 Amateurs to make his flying visit as pleasant as possible, such as getting him a room, making a get-together of many of the boys as was possible, as many visits as he could cram in, and he departed for home convinced that no matter where he goes in connection with his professional interests. Amateur Radio never allows a fellow worker to go to the effort that he would be pleased to get back home to G land again in order to have a rest from the overwhelming hospitality that he had received in VK5.

Les SAX at the moment of writing is kicking his heels up in VK7, and if all is to be believed he has been there since last year. I have not heard him mobile myself, but heard Keith SWI in QSO with him, although Keith was having a little trouble in copying him and was helped out by Comer SGP acting as the relay station. Comer SGP had his morse pipe on, and Les was able to copy him without any trouble, as did Keith.

George SGG has been appointed to the VK5 Council to fill one of the vacancies created by the inability of Lloyd 5OK and Les SAX to carry on. A good choice, if I may say so, and welcome George.

News from the South East of VK5 this month stresses the fact that very little activity, as far as Amateur Radio is concerned, is taking place. However, all is not lost because Claude 5CH still manages to be heard frequently on 7 Mc. mostly on Sundays, but the world is still waiting to hear the first day of the new rig. Com 5CJ has temporarily resigned from my espionage staff, mainly because of his new job of managing the b.c. station SSE with its attendant extra time, but can be heard in contact with Peter SFM at Crystal Brook on several occasions these times. I hope that you have been. Com 5CJ are you pardoned? How is the family, OK? Lee 5GJ has secured a new rx (ex SMS) and is now sitting back waiting for some of that famous DX to come forth

OBITUARY

PAT LEONARD, VK5LT

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Pat Leonard, VK5LT, of Adelaide, S.A.

His signal, mostly heard on 14 Mc., was familiar to both Australian and World-wide Amateurs for many years. Recently he resided in North Lincoln. Shifting last year to Adelaide, he had only recently resumed activity on his beloved 16 Mc., and his signal will be missed by the many W Amateur Stations with whom he had sheds and contacts through the years.

To his surviving relatives we extend our deepest sympathy, and trust that the healing hand of time will help them over their path of sadness.

from the speaker. It must be there Leo, it used to boom forth for the original owner!

Ron SVH has been heard occasionally on 7 Mc. but probably most of his spare time, and with his vocation that would not be much in improving his gear. Erg 5KU is almost listed among those missing from the scene of Amateur Radio these days. The weather being what it is, and certain that he is not gliding, he certainly is in a very lonely position on his performances. I would assume that he is dash-dashing at times. Al SZK is still active on 6 and 2 mx, and a little birdie tells me that he is swatting c.w.! Don't tell me that you are going to join the ranks of the "Squares". Al, think of the psychology—psychology—psychology—well, anyway, think of the effect on the ranks of the a.c. boys!!

A new licensee has bobbed up from Taipaene (is that right OMT?). So far I have no name or call, but I believe he was a Z call and as such as can get further information I would be only too pleased to include him in the S.E. Roll of Honour. Anyway, OM, welcome to the ranks and hope QSO you some time. Don't you believe a word that they say about me, I am on the air. Stuart SMS has not been very active lately. Albeit he has aged a bit, his voice and could not chase that amateur DX and has only just sufficiently recovered to have a bash on the air. He came to Adelaide a couple of times to see a specialist, and found time to attend the W.A. Picnic. He has also changed his occupation. Now 5GE, he is gradually picking up the threads of his skips with his friends in G land and can be heard at times on the other bands. Thanks for the dope Stuart, can I count on an encore?

Arch 5XK, due to his location, just manages to scrape into this section, although for once I have very little news of infamous, or even famous, men connected with him. I still have not quite recovered from the shock of being informed that he has no grizzles. Incidentally, I had a QSO with him recently and his wife told me that she remembered me as the wireless skipper who gave her view from the boat's end. I am a little more svelte from that end, the curves are a little more pronounced, if I might be pardoned for saying so. What's that Arch? Put it in figures, all I need is you insist. 96-104-88

Ken 5BS, VSDDE, now GHGRY dropped a line from G land renewing his subscription to the best Division in VK and also wishing members of the VK5, the aforementioned Division, all the best, especially the Elizabeth boys, or as he describes them, the Elizabeth girls. He is now a member of the "Best" Amateur Radio Society in the "World", his words not mine, viz. The Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society (R.A.F.A.S.) and has been shanghaied on to the committee, apparently opened his mouth once too often! He can be heard operating from GAF at the moment, his rig is not yet set up.

The VK5 Divisional Journal number three belched up this week, and once again I must congratulate those responsible for the job on the excellence of their work. It is a splendid way of keeping the city and country members right up to date on the doings of the Division, just who is who, and what is what. Most interesting contributions are the list of office holders in the Division appointed at the first meeting of Council, and although I was not surprised, it came as a shock to me to note that there was no mention of just who was the Publicity Officer or the Public Officer. I should be used to it now that all I have ever had from Council—ignore, ignore, and then some more ignore! Although I must admit they have always provided me with ample supplies of ammunition for these paragraphs!

Harry SEU is having a very frustrating time these days and is talking about taking down his beam because he cannot get any nearer than two S points in his chase after 5QX. Is that true or false, Harry? Keith SEV, whilst permanently based at Woomers these days, managed to get on and from his Elmer QTH every second week, and can be heard on c.w. with 14 Mc. as the medium, to his complete satisfaction. John SEV, contrary to all rumours, has not as yet moved to Woomers, but it won't be long now it is thought. No news of a period of time, this gent, between 5TM and Clive SPE still have their heads down and their (wait for it) feet up in the midst of the E.F.S. work, but are managing to get in a little time with their first love, Amateur Radio. Tom ENO and Jeff SNQ are to be heard at all hours and in all places, chasing the elusive DX and with their exploits being publicised in practically any radio magazine on the bookstalls, anything I might say would only be gilding the lily.

Steve SHA is being heard more frequently on 14 Mc. these days and is also limbering up on 21 Mc. with the idea of giving this band a trial. Pete SHB is alternating between 7 and 14 Mc., and his c.w. signals are getting results. Incidentally, his note is one of the best heard here for some time, and can be recognised long before he comes on. Cyril SDE, despite frequent trips to Woomers, has found time to erect a new garage and running true to form is now working on a radio control system to open the said garage doors. Ian SZQ is besides keeping his ears to the ground for the interests of the DXers, he has managed to work 100 countries in the past 12 months, but is now in the throes of designing a new tx, possibly because the second 100 countries is almost the hardest. At least that is what I am told.

John SZC can be heard at various times on 7 Mc., but in view of the fact that he is semi-retired, I leave the QTH to him. S.E. SMC at the nocturnal hour of 2 a.m. with a three element beam for 15 mc tucked under his arms and legs, it would seem that he is migrating. Peter Field, an ardent short-wave listener, has moved to Wilton, in case a youngster of some 13 or 14 years old but if his enthusiasm for our hobby of Amateur Radio is any indication, another Elizabeth signal is well in the making.

Heard Ken SIM and SP2ZL, SAXL of Broken Hill, on 7 Mc. the other evening, but I did not stay long to listen, mainly because the discussion was too technical for me. It seemed to centre around corns and the fact that Charlie spent all of his time at his vocation and the corns had to do with sitting down all day, he would not do that, then they don't call me "Fancy the pure of heart" for nothing! Jim SJX has been holidaying over on the Peninsula, but unfortunately for the trip his wife slipped over and stayed home because walking was a painful business for her. Latest reports say that all is well and even if the holiday was interrupted, Jim is looking as fit as a fiddle.

Heard the University of Adelaide Radio Club (SUA) SP2ZP with the Prince Alfred College Radio Club (SP2Z) on the other day. Paul was the operator of SUA and Roger was on the job for SP2Z. Believe it or not, I am an honorary member of the Uni. club (having passed through the University on my bicycle one day) and I receive regularly a copy of their technical publication "Watt", which was up to this month edited by Col 5XY, who, incidentally, has an extra keen sense of humour, and the publication reflects this on nearly every page. Licensed representation of the club is good, including it does John SB, Bill 5JR, Gordon 5XV, Colin 5XY, Brian STN and, to use the words of the editor, innumerable Z calls on the higher frequencies.

Shure and Beagles, if it is not 4RW Shure the Boney Mackerel in his notes on my behalf, it is that Spalmax 5MC, ZARZ hurling the doily insults at me in a letter to that Broth of a Boy, the Editor. Whilst it is extremely gratifying to me to note that the Editor on behalf of VK5 is also being persecuted, some of the "wise Men from the East" I feel that I must point out that what may be in VK5, could possibly be fiction in VK2, or even in some other Division, and my notes, believe it or not, are only written with VK5 in mind, not top of the world. I am still after recovering from the shock of seeing my name in print, "The Forty One" I was officially informed that no machinery has been set up in Adelaide to receive the yearly fee for an Australian licence, other than the Receiver of Posts Money, which is situated in a special section of the Adelaide P.G.C. and therefore, Max or no Max, poor taste or good taste, my paragraph in the April issue of "A.R." still stands, and I say again, why

cannot we renew our station licence as easily as others associated with t.v. or radio? Why the "rose petal pink" Max, I would prefer the deepest colours of the panel!

News. — Paul of VK3L called on me as a shock to those who knew him personally and also to those whom he had contacted on his beloved 14 Mc., both in and out of VK. Active as a Radio Amateur for as long as can be remembered, from Port Lincoln, he is only recently back home to Adelaide, the rest, and resume his amateur activities suspended during his shift of QTH. To his relatives we extend our deepest sympathy and trust that time will ease the burden of sorrow.

Returning from my much publicised vacation, I found myself in the position of Motor Hubbard and all the world known throughout my spires had transferred their allegiance to the "King of the Ducktail" and looked like never coming back. A call to Keith 5WU, a cracking of the whip by this truculent gentleman, a commanding hand by all concerned, and all was well. Thanks, Keith.

Norm Colman, my genial co-auctioneer at the Divisional meeting nights, has been a very busy man over these last few weeks, and if rumour can be believed, when dressed in his "Soup and Bread" suit is never off all he surves. Good luck to you Norm. If ever a man has earned it, you certainly have.

Normally, nothing would now remain but for me to close these notes and settle back in a state of somnolence—sommoll—sommolness—well, anyway, set back and go to sleep for another month. But to call it a day without handing Comps 5EF for so shilly sitting in for me last month, even if in doing so he tore my good name to threads! and so nobly set the standard for 1961-62. His remark that "the standard of each year Council takes square holes at the end of every note" confirms what I have been saying for years. "Square" is an apt description, and to those of us who move with the times and are "up-to-date" descriptive. Anyway, I must take it, after all I get some flak this year compared to his one, and if our fairly concealed dislike of our individual methods of telephony helps to widen the boundaries of the Divisional notes, then we are both doing a good turn to the members of other bands, none. Please stand by to resolve my closing thanks to Comps. "Quack-Quack, Snort-Snort, Bleep-Bleep, and a couple of plops!! Oh, by the way, these days all Divisional notes seem to end with the call sign, so why not mine? 5PS (PANSY to you).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The main event for this month was the Annual Meeting held in the Mend St Hall, South Perth, which was attended by some fifty members, including representatives of the several DXOs and visitors. Among them was GKO who does not appear among us often enough. Business was rather prolonged and the meeting lasted till a late hour. A motion before the meeting caused some spirited debating and was finally decided in the negative. The election of Councillors came as a surprise, but the new members are welcomed and we trust they will carry on the good work of past Councils.

Activity on the h.f. bands has been quite brisk most nights now. The bands are certainly in their element and becoming very popular. Several new callsigns are heard such as EDI, 6DC, 6RG, 6DR and others. We are getting quite a kennel of "Doggies" as well as the "Crazy Gang" 6CL, 6CW, etc.

The slow Morse sessions are as well under way, thanks to the good efforts of 6PH and GKO and their helpers. No doubt, when the listeners obtain their full tickets, they will acknowledge the help they have received. The best thanks would be to join the roster as 6DR has done. Bill has not had his licence long, but puts out a very good signal on his home-brew set. He even built his own wave meter.

6KJ and 6WL manage some contacts between t.v. sessions but all the boys in the fringe areas are finding difficulties with t.v.l. Perhaps VK3ZL could give them some hints. Heard

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a whisper 6CS is going to a fringe area so will have his share of t.v.l. 6RW and 6BU often heard mobile on 40 mx. and of course 6XK on his visits to 6KJ's QTH. Now, John, a member of Henty Hill, is still with the bands is quite active with his 16w. and has many years of activity in front of him. One voice which will be missed in future is that of 6CO. Joe is on his way to Suva but hopes to be on the air soon with a VK3 call sign CO for preference. Good luck, Joe and hope to hear you soon on 20 mx or perhaps 40 mx. The Crazy Gang will miss him.

6JM spent many hours on a mobile rig for his car, hoping to use it on the last long weekend. However, on the journey down, his informant, obviously not a Ham, crashed the back of his car and the result was no mobile activity. Bad luck John and hope to hear your mobile soon. 6 AL Baba visited some of his 40 friends lately and was heard on his 122 portable. The other fairy hummed during his wanderings.

S.s.b. is becoming a popular topic of rag chews and may be necessary the way the bands are becoming crowded. 6JO and 6MM can be heard on the lower bands trying to convert the airwaves. 6CL is interested in it or will be when the finish digging up the worms. 73, 6PH, per 6ZK.

TASMANIA

April 1961 can be regarded as a high spot in VK7. First, we now have the v.h.f. notes from the v.h.f. publicity officer, Reg 7ZAO, originally taken on the 50 Mc. band that re-activated over 7WV and this advance can only be regarded as a step in the right direction, and gives publicity to a very important segment of Amateur activity within this Division. Secondly, Terry 7CT has been to re-activate the 144 Mc. band on 6WZ. For so we hope that the North and North-Western Zones will now be ensured of hearing the official broadcasts, no matter what the conditions. We would appreciate reports on the 80 m. transmissions.

On 15th April the most enjoyable fox hunt on both the 3.5 and 144 Mc. bands was conducted, and we thank Charlie 7KS for operating the mobile 3.5 Mc. tx. and Reg 7ZAO for operating the mobile 144 Mc. tx. Again, this exercise showed that an excellent band the 144 Mc. band is for such functions as this. After the conclusion of the fox hunt, we all proceeded to the home of Brian 7ZSE, where sausages and other meats were cooked over a beautiful fire, and the supper was completed by about seven o'clock when the hunt was ended. Thank you Brian for your co-operation.

The club room fund received £2/15/- from the function, but we were disappointed in the roll up, and we ask for better support at the functions to come. The club room fund also benefited by £2/5/0 from the raffle of a foot-long ham general meat.

Bill 7VY with Francis, and daughter Helen returned home after their wonderful sojourn in Bond Bay about the middle of April. It is most interesting to talk to them about their holiday, and I personally found the stories about wrecked ships on the south-west coast of particular interest.

During April, Bert 7MC and Mrs. Clarke were amongst us. Bert tells me he is still a naturalised VK7 despite his removal from the State some years ago. Jim 6RU and his XYL were also within our jurisdiction for a few days and we hope you have returned home safely after your stay.

We regret the decision of Lon 7LJ to resign from the Federal Contest Committee. Lon has devoted himself to his work on this committee and his ability to type has been invaluable. In fact, Lon's work prepares the reports for publication of the results of various contests over the past two years, but in addition to that, he has attended the monthly committee meetings, and has contributed more than his share to the checking of logs in such contests as the Remembrance Day Invitational at the same time working until midnight three times a week. Your efforts have been appreciated Lon.

Badges, both full member and associate, are now held by the Division in good supply. The cost of filling a badge is 10c.

The last note is somewhat discordant; the annual dinner held in March was a great success, except financially, due to the failure of ten acceptors not paying their subscription upon receipt of the bill. Our treasurer had to book for you and accordingly had to pay for you. If you are at fault, please let us have your dinner subscription of a guinea per person and keep our finances satisfactory. 73, Ian, 7ZZ.

NORTH WESTERN ZONE

Had the privilege of a quick visit to VK3 in April. 3ANG was my guide and we saw 3APL, 3OM, 3AHN and 3ARZ. Two things were most impressive, first the hospitality, and secondly, the very fine installations in evidence.

Once again an 80 mx tx hunt was held, but with very poor attendance. Something will have to be done. 7TT was the guinea pig—sorry the fox hid himself very well. Later it developed into a mobile "catch me if you can" participation. This was thoroughly enjoyed by both participants.

The bi-monthly social zone meeting for May developed into quite an auspicious occasion as we were the guests at the Burnie Fire Brigade. The night was devoted to the official handing over to the Brigade of two-way radio gear, designed and constructed by members of this zone. Two vehicles roared away from the station and were controlled around town for a demonstration. Some very complimentary remarks came our way as a result of our effort and we can swear to you full of words—in more ways than one. We are grateful to Leon 7JP for the magnificent job he did in the final setting up and testing of the gear.

It has become the accepted thing now to hold hamfests in miniature at the Ferry terminal in Devonport. This time it was in company with 6RU and 5AX who had been "doing over" the Apple Isle. We look forward to meeting many of the boys who anticipate visiting the mainland of Australia.

The 80 mx band has been quite good for several weeks and we have had some good ZL contacts. Looks as though our Kiwi friends will really come in as the year progresses.

Some interest is being taken in mobile gear around this way. It looks as though centre loaded whips will be the order of the day soon. In fact, current activity is taking place with whips and someone will discover a new formula if not careful.

A spirited contact between 7XL and 7MS, both mobile, was heard the other night and a game of cat and mouse seemed to be in progress as they chased each other's frequency. As they did this, the mobiles were using automatic netting facilities synonymous to master and local oscillators incorporating signal frequency requires slight adjustment David.

Heard 7DA on the band the other night. Long time no hear David, so keep the heaters alight and turn the horizontal and vertical dials off. Sure, 7ZAO receive his usual package of QSL cards via the Bureau the other night. As usual, we gaped and whispered, "how does he do it?"

Will conclude with another TMX story. Tried out the 20 mx band recently. Nothing but loud hash. Not a signal of any sort. Examined rx front end and nothing to do. Later the feed line had dropped off cutural quad. Problem of the month—how to solder a new feeder on the quad 40 ft. above ground? Answers must be the individual work of the contestants.

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